

To Lead Fight Against Hunger

ST. PAUL, Minn. (BP)—Sen. Mark O. Hatfield (R-Ore.) has called on Christians in the United States to take the lead in combatting the world food crisis through several means, including setting aside this year's Thanksgiving as a special observance.

Addressing the Conservative Baptist Association of America at its annual convention in St. Paul, the senator

declared that "today our world stands on the brink of famine. Yet, all the world knows that there are harvests of plenty in America."

He told the Baptist body, to which he belongs, that Thanksgiving should be set aside as a time when Christians throughout the land join to express their thanksgiving for our plenty, not by a feast, but by a sacrificial

outpouring and sharing of our plenty with the needy."

Appealing to the biblical example of Egypt's preparations for the seven years of famine, the Oregon senator noted, "We have not been as prudent as Egypt." Instead, he said, "farmers were paid not to grow crops on as much as one-seventh of our

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Court Rules On BSSB Taxes

By Gomer Leach

NASHVILLE (BP) — After 18 months of deliberation and one complete rehearing, the Tennessee Supreme Court has ruled on the property tax liability of the Baptist Sunday School Board and United Methodist Publishing House here.

The 3-2 ruling affirmed in part the decision of the Chancery Court handed down April 15, 1971.

The state court's decision determined that publishing and printing of materials for distribution to members of the parent denomination or to be used in specific programs of the programs of the parent denominational organization are used of property which are exempt.

This would appear to include materials produced by the Sunday School Board's church services and materials division, including Convention Press items.

Publishing and printing of books for the general public, according to the state Supreme Court decision, even though the subject matter of such

books is religious, is not a use of property which is exempt. The Chancery Court earlier had held that materials of a general religious nature are exempt.

James L. Sullivan, president of the Sunday School Board, stated, "We cannot determine our property tax liability until several confusing aspects of the decision are clarified. The complexity of the case is demonstrated by the lengthy time taken by the state Supreme Court before the decision was handed down and by the lingering misunderstanding concerning printing."

"We own no printing presses," he continued, "yet one of the justices refers to the printing operations of both the Methodist and Baptist houses as if we did own printing presses. The decision raises a number of still unanswered questions."

Two justices, Chester C. Chittin and William H. D. Fones, issued a dissenting opinion which concurred with the majority for the most part, disagreeing only on the point of

prorating tax payments "on the printing press property." Since the Sunday School Board owns no printing press property, this dissent apparently does not apply to this agency.

The majority opinion cited some areas of the board's work which are clearly exempt from property tax, some which are clearly not exempt and set forth a general formula for determining liability on areas which are not clearly in either category.

Special Justice W. M. Leach wrote a separate concurring opinion stating his feeling that the statute which applies in the case is ambiguous and needs to be changed. Although it is "susceptible to more than one interpretation," Justice Leach agreed that the majority opinion is "just and equitable."

The Tennessee law at issue in the case provides property tax exemption for "the real estate owned by any religious, charitable, scientific, or educational institution occupied by such

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INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4, 1974

From The Living Bible

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, whose people he has chosen as his own. The Lord gazes down upon mankind from heaven where he lives. He has made their hearts and closely watches everything they do. The best-equipped army cannot save a king — for great strength is not enough to save anyone. A war horse is a poor risk for winning victories—it is strong but it cannot save. But the eyes of the Lord are watching over those who fear him, who

rely upon his steady love. He will keep them from death even in times of famine: We depend upon the Lord alone to save us. Only he can help us; he protects us like a shield. No wonder we are happy in the Lord! For we are trusting him. We trust his holy name. Yes, Lord, let your constant love surround us, for our hopes are in you alone.

(Psalms 33:12-22)

Religious Heritage of America, Washington, D.C.

Pastor Honored For 70 Years In Ministry

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (BP)—A. E. Prince, 87, a fulltime Baptist minister since 1904, was honored by the church that ordained him 70 years ago. Commemorating Prince's 70th anniversary as a minister was Barnhill (Mo.) Baptist Church and other friends.

Prince, who most recently served as the pastor of Water Tower Baptist Church, retired a few weeks before he was honored. He has been named pastor emeritus of the church and friends say he still preaches somewhere most Sundays.

The former president of Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo., Prince said, "In a sense a 70th anniversary in the ministry is a lonely time. And it makes you want some of your friends near you."

Stevens Says U. S. Broadcasters Friendly To Religious Agencies

FORT WORTH — "The nation's broadcasters continue with every passing day to demonstrate their friendship and openness toward the religious community," declared Dr. Paul M. Stevens of Fort Worth, Tex., president of the giant Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

Stevens, testifying in Washington June 26 before Senator John P. Stator's Senate Commerce Committee on the subject of broadcast license renewals, said he is convinced that "broadcasters have fairly served the needs of the religious community, and have given unstintingly of their personal and corporate resources" to improve the quality of life in America. Stevens supported Senate passage of a House bill that would extend broadcasters licenses up to a five-term term. He appeared before the Senate Committee at the request of the National Association of Broadcasters to describe the working relationship of local broadcasters and religious broadcasting agencies.

He cited the Radio and Television Commission as a "living example" of broadcasters' cooperation with a religious agency.

In 1953 the Radio and Television Commission produced one program, heard on 330 radio stations. In 1973 the Radio and Television Commission produced 39 shows, heard on 27 per cent of all the stations in this country. This afforded Southern Baptists approximately \$8 million in public service time. Network programming accounted for an additional half - million dollars of public service time, Stevens said.

Stevens told the Senate Committee that this cooperation was caused by the constant demand for fresh, well-produced program material, the alarm of key industry people about trends in society, and their constant efforts to improve the quality of life in America.

He said he didn't believe that the proposed legislation would in any way limit or damage the relationship of religious communities with broadcasters.

"One of the beneficial points of an extended license period would be the additional freedom which the broadcaster will have to make an even greater contribution of time and service to his community," he said.

Research Shows No Threat To Deductions On Church Gifts

By John W. Baker
for Baptist Press

No, Congress is not about to remove the tax deductibility of contributions to churches, schools and other public charities.

No, Congress is not about to discontinue the provision for the tax-free housing allowance for ministers.

In the colorful language of a highly placed member of the staff of the House Committee on Ways and Means, such proposals in this Congress "are dead, cold and buried."

During the past few months rumors based on half - truths and untruths have spread throughout the country that Congress is about to act on one of several tax review and reform bills (specifically S. 3657, H. 15230 or H. 636) or that a "blue ribbon" committee is holding sessions on an unnamed bill. The rumor is that any or

all of these bills would remove the tax deductibility of contributions to churches, schools and other public charities, and will discontinue the tax-free housing allowance for ministers.

The research department of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington has checked and double - checked authoritative sources of information and has determined that Congress, in the fore-

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No Paper Next Week

According to custom, no issue of the Baptist Record has been published the past few years during the week of July 4th. Watch for the next issue on July 11.

Baptist Youth Meet To Major On Individual

By Debbie Stewart

PORTLAND, Oregon USA — Each delegate to the Baptist Youth World Conference will bring the heart of the meeting with him — himself.

The importance of the individual — in the group and in the world — is a key idea of the conference. The 8th Youth World Conference, first in the United States, is set for July 31-August 4 in Portland.

For five days young people between 16 and 25 years - old, and youth leaders from 60 countries will worship, share, sing, study and tour in special groups. About 6,000 delegates will be resources for the groups and the conference as a whole.

Theo Patnaik, youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, explained that the conference, with a theme of "Christ — Our Challenge to Live," will feature seven large "communities." Each community, housed on campuses or in hotels, will include delegates from several countries.

Smaller "satellite" groups will focus on: Evangelism and Witness, Devotional Life, World Issues, Arts,

Leadership, Language, and World Community Building.

"Core" groups of ten delegates each will explore the conference theme, and the diverse backgrounds and perspectives brought to the conference. Group dynamics — in the communities, satellites, and cores — will fully use the dynamic individuality of each delegate.

The World's Fair in Spokane,

Washington, will offer sightseeing, and a chance for youth choirs to perform. Choirs interested in singing at the Fair's Religion - Pavilion, August 5-6 should notify the Baptist World Alliance.

Delegates will get to know each other and themselves through international coffee houses, multimedia - rap sessions, and drama and music. Young people can swap culture at an

International Marketplace. Delegates may bring craft articles characteristic of their country to trade at the market. Serendipity periods will include a "Fantasmagoria" music jam session.

Delegates will share fun and nostalgia at a "Youth Conference Past and Future" film review on former youth conferences and the times in which they took place. Young people will come together for a new musical, "Common Cup," and contribute as a group to world relief projects.

Leaders trained in group dynamics will coordinate sessions, drawing on the key resources of the conference — the delegates. Conference delegates will bring thoughts from smaller group sessions to nightly meetings of all delegates at the Portland Coliseum. A different continent will be featured each evening.

Each delegate will bring a vital contribution to Portland, and leave with the wealth of international community. Southern Baptist Convention President Owen Cooper, whose children have attended youth world con-

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BAPTIST MEETING CIRCUMVENTS ONE-RING CIRCUS IN ECUADOR

PAJAN, Ecuador (BP)—Attendance at a week-long evangelistic meeting here apparently caused a one-ring circus, which was operating simultaneously, to give up and leave.

"Each night as crowds congregated to hear evangelistic messages, hardly enough people were on hand at the circus for the performance to begin," said Stanley D. Stamps, Southern Baptist missionary. "As a matter of fact, the circus closed down one night, pulled up stakes the next and left the small community."

Missionary Marvin R. Ford led the revival during which 10 persons made professions of faith.

Christian Citizenship Sunday Observance June 30

Christian Citizenship Sunday is being promoted in Mississippi by the Christian Action Commission, according to Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director. "Mississippi was one of the first states to begin such annual observance a few years ago and our promotions were partially responsible for this annual event being placed in the Southern Baptist Convention denominational calendar," Dr. Hensley said. He further stated, "The Christian Life Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, is promoting the citizenship Sunday in the states where there is no counterpart to our Christian Action Commission. The states having similar Baptist agencies are Texas and North Carolina. Many states have a Christian Life Committee and/or a Committee on Public Affairs." Four thousand posters have been distributed to the Mississippi Baptist pastors to be used in the churches to call attention to the observance. "Cooperation in such an emphasis is purely voluntary," Dr. Hensley concluded, "but last year more than two hundred pastors either preached on some phase of Bible citizenship or observed the day in some other, appropriate fashion. It is expected that as many as five hundred churches will give some recognition this year to the need for authentic Christian citizenship based upon biblical teachings." Christian Citizenship is a program assignment of the Christian Action Commission.

Court Strikes Down New Jersey Parochial Law

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — Church - state separation scored another victory on June 17 when the U. S. Supreme Court affirmed a lower court ruling striking down a 1971 New Jersey parochial law as unconstitutional.

The New Jersey parochial law aided parochial schools by reimbursing parents for textbooks and school supplies and by furnishing equipment directly to parochial schools.

The three judge federal district court in New Jersey found in 1973 that the law was unconstitutional under the no-establishment clause of the

First Amendment because "funds are provided by the legislature for a special class of schools, most of which are religious affiliates." The court also condemned the "lending" of equipment and supplies to parochial schools. The court said: "Whether or not it is ascribed, in part, as a loan, to us this is indistinguishable from a direct grant of public funds, held unconstitutional in Lemon."

"Because of the language... in which the assistance provided only to parents of children who attend non-public, predominantly religious affil-

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CHRISTIAN CITIZEN:
AMERICA NEEDS YOU



MUSICIANS' LEADERS—The Church Music Conference, in addition to reviewing the new Baptist Hymnal, elected new officers. Directing the music leaders during 1975 are (l-r) Evelyn M. Phillips, Southwestern Seminary, vice president of the educational division; Don Brown of William Jewell College, in his second term as president; A. Joseph King, minister of music at University Baptist Church, Fort Worth; vice president of the local church division; and Sam Prestidge, Texas Baptist Convention, vice president of the denominational division. (Knotan Benfield Photo)

Musicians Unveil Hymnal And Premiere Children's Musical

DALLAS (BP)—Unveiling of the contents of the Baptist Hymnal revision and the premieres of a children's musical and a commissioned anthem were among highlights of the two-day annual Southern Baptist Church Music Conference here.

William J. Reynolds, secretary of the Sunday School Board's church music department and editor for Baptist Hymnal, 1975 edition, revealed the table of contents which features 187 old hymns and 175 hymn tunes new to the hymnal.

The 495 total hymns span a variety of musical styles. While familiar and widely-used hymns have been retained, other familiar hymns not included in the 1956 edition of Baptist Hymnal, Negro spirituals and the works of contemporary authors and composers have been added.

Baptist Hymnal, 1975 edition, was compiled by a committee of 68 Southern Baptists. Included are pastors from both large and small churches, ministers of music, ministers of education, faculty members from colleges and seminaries, state music secretaries, evangelistic singers, church organists, professionals from the recording and music publishing industry, composers and representatives of denominational agencies.

The premier of a new children's musical from Broadman Press, "Jonah's Tale of a Whale," by Robert Graham was presented by the children's choir of First Baptist Church, Garland, Tex., under the direction of Harrell Slack.

A second premier for the conference was the conference-commissioned anthem for 1974, "Praise God in His Holiness," by the late composer James Cram of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, performed by the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Oratorio Chorus, Robert Burton, director.

A service of praise, led by the Centurymen under the direction of Buryl

Red of New York, included performances by concert artists Robert Hale and Dean Wilder of the New York City Opera and by the Dallas Baptist College Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Doug Smith.

A tribute to Jane Marshall, composer of sacred music, featured the singing of her compositions by the sanctuary choir of First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla., under the direction of James Woodward.

The concluding event of the conference was a presentation of William Walton's "Belshazzar's Feast" by the Oratorio Chorus of Southwestern Seminary and by the Fort Worth Oratorio Symphony.

Composer-arranger Rick Powell of Nashville discussed "Electronic Music and the Church." Separate "interest sessions" provided emphasis on contemporary worship, adult choirs, music and worship and instrumental music. A session on children's choirs featured a demonstration of music-learning activities with children from the Southwestern Seminary children's choir school.

Jesse Fletcher, director of the mission support division, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, spoke at a banquet honoring music missionaries, followed by presentation of the W. Hines Sims Achievement Award for distinguished service to the cause of church music to Warren M. Angell, dean emeritus of the Warren M. Angell College of Fine Arts, Oklahoma Baptist University.

Keynote address for the conference was given by John Claypool, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, on "Worship as Event."

Newly-elected vice presidents of the organization are A. Joseph King, minister of music at University Baptist Church, Fort Worth, local church division, Sam Prestidge, music secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, denominational division; and Evelyn M. Phillips of the school of church music, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, educational division.

President Donald Brown, music professor at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., has another full year in his term of office.



Broadcasters Receive Award Of Appreciation

Mississippi Broadcasters' Association held their annual convention June 26 at the Sheraton in Biloxi. On Friday, June 7, an appreciation luncheon for the broadcasters was co-hosted by the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Dr. Earl Kelly, (at right) executive secretary, and the Radio-TV Commission, SBC, Claud O'Sheils, (second from right) associate director.

Guest speaker was Jerry Clower (second from left) of Yazoo City, MCA recording star. In charge of arrangements were Mrs. Fanny Cothran (left) of Lexington, president of the Mississippi Broadcasters Association, and Bobbie Mathis of Houston, Mississippi representative of the Radio-TV Commission.

An Award of Appreciation was presented to Mrs. Cothran for the Broadman Association, in the form of a special plaque, pictured.

Dr. Kelly states, "In the past twelve months 72 stations in Mississippi have carried radio and television productions for the Radio-Television Commission, SBC. The time given, if purchased, would have cost at least \$325,000. This does not include time given to the churches—time that would be as much as that given to the productions of the Radio-TV Commission." The luncheon and the award were a gesture of appreciation for this service. About 200 people were present for the occasion.

Let The Church Bells Ring On July 4!

Two years to go until we are 200 years a nation!

The Fourth of July, 1776, Continental Congress approved our Independence Declaration.

Each year bells throughout the land ring out

The Fourth of July at 2:00 p.m.

In Philadelphia, this year, on Thursday,

The Fourth of July at 2:00 p.m.

The Tower Bell of Independence Hall will again

Ring out a joyous thirteen times. Join us

The Fourth of July at 2:00 p.m.

Let the Church Bells ring

Across the land, remembering

The Fourth of July, 1776.

Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution sponsoring Observance at Independence Hall, July 4, 1974, at 2:00 p.m. (E.D.T.)

Bethesda Celebrates "Gulfshore Day" Sends Check Of \$507 For Assembly

Bethesda Church in Jefferson County, Union Association, has mailed a check for \$507 to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as a contribution toward the restoration of Gulfshore Assembly.

This offering came as the result of Gulfshore Day held at Bethesda on Sunday, June 9.

At the morning service, Pastor Lonnie Williams' daughter, Donna (a music major at Mississippi College), gave her testimony on what Gulfshore had meant to her.

After dinner at the church and a time of fellowship, Rev. Milton Burns, pastor of Port Gibson Church and

Union associational chairman for the Gulfshore campaign, brought an afternoon message. Rev. David Brooks, minister of education from his church, Mrs. Patsy White, youth music leader, and Mrs. Virginia Turner, pianist, with 16 young people presented a program of song and testimony.

Visitors were present during the day from at least ten area churches. Pastor Williams states, "It is our humble prayer that they too will be led to have a special day as we did. We pray that Mississippi Baptists will feel the need and be led to help reduce the time for the restoration."



CHECKING SIGNALS IN DALLAS

DALLAS—Three program personalities make a last minute review of the program at a Dallas breakfast featuring Vice President Gerald Ford (left), Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter (center) introduced the Vice President and Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission, presided. The Brotherhood Commission-sponsored event attracted an overflow crowd of 1,500. (Photo by David Clanton)

Missionary Shares Something "More Important Than Money"

By James A. Yarbrough, Missionary

LAGOS, Nigeria — Fred L. Levrets was angry.

It all began when Levrets parked his car in a department store parking lot in Lagos, Nigeria, where he serves as a Southern Baptist missionary. He paid the standard parking fee but refused to pay the attendant the extra "tip" that was demanded.

After finishing his shopping, he reclaimed his car, eased cautiously to the center lane of heavy traffic leading out of downtown Lagos, when suddenly the motor died. Immediately he suspected that the man in the lot had tampered with the car.

With the help of two young boys, Levrets pushed the car through the angry traffic into a nearby driveway. Each impatiently blown horn caused his anger to rise.

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institution or its officers exclusively for carrying out the purposes for which the institution was created or for which it exists."

In 1969, the Metropolitan Nashville tax assessor placed a new assessment on Sunday School Board Nashville property. A similar assessment was made against the Methodist house.

The appeal to the state Supreme Court was taken after the issue was not satisfactorily and clearly decided by the metropolitan and state boards of equalization or the Chancery Court and state Court of Appeals. Rulings of the lower bodies were appealed by both the publishing houses and the metropolitan assessor because of lack of clarity.

"The lack of clarity still exists in some measure," states Sullivan, "and we are deliberating about the advisability of future action."

The Sunday School Board, according to Sullivan, has paid property taxes on all properties it owns which are not used for activities related to the charter purposes of the agency since its founding 1891. The agency also pays taxes where clear legal determination has been made on properties it owns in Nashville and in other locations.

He crawled under the car, disconnected the fuel line and discovered the point of a ball point pen had been inserted. With gasoline streaming down his arm, ruining his shirt, struggling furiously to extract the point, his anger mounted to the explosive stage. Finally, aided by a soldier, he removed the point.

Anger controlled Levrets as he determined to return to the lot and confront the man.

Then it hit him, "Why don't I go back and share Christ with him?" Upon realizing God was speaking to him, his anger disappeared. God's peace prevailed.

That afternoon, Levrets returned and told the attendant, "This morning you asked me for money. I have come back to give you something far more important than money."

After several hours of conversation, the attendant and two of his co-workers gave their lives to Christ.

Fred Levrets was angry — but he let God temper his anger and transform it into love.

JERUSALEM, Israel — John G. Diefenbaker, former prime minister of Canada, and his wife recently visited West Jerusalem Baptist Church while here as guests of the Jewish National Fund. At the service, the Baptist Hymnal became the international songbook as worshippers from Zaire, Brazil, Korea, Japan, Holland, Sweden, Canada, the United States and Israel blended voices in singing, "All Creatures of Our God and King." Candler Lanier, pastor of Petah Tiqva Church at Baptist Village, preached the sermon.

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala — A group of 19 mission-minded Baptist lay people from Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and Tennessee saw firsthand the fruits of work in Central America during a recent tour. While in Guatemala, they invited missionaries and national pastors to a fellowship supper to hear about mission work in the area. The group visited several Guatemalan Baptist churches, the Theological Institute and a Baptist bookstore. They also went to a heavily populated area here where Baptists were participating in a tent revival, hoping to start a new congregation. The tour, sponsored by the Alabama Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union, was coordinated by H. Mac Johnson Jr., executive secretary of the Alabama Brotherhood.



Al and Molly Fairchild with "Johnnie the Baptist."

Fairchilds On Program: Bus Ministry Breakfast

"Johnnie the Baptist" went to the SBC with "Aunt Molly and Uncle Al" Fairchild from Moselle, Mo. He performed for the newly organized Bus Ministry Association. Elven (Al) Fairchild talked to the association about the value of using gospel magic in children's church.

The Southern Baptist Bus Ministry Association was formed at a meeting in Dallas with about 35 charter members from eleven states. Garland A. Morrison, pastor, North Main Church, Jonesboro, Ark., was elected first president.

Mrs. Molly Fairchild gave a ventriloquism demonstration, with "Johnnie the Baptist," during the breakfast meeting, after the use of ventriloquism and gospel magic were cited as important components of children's evangelism.

The new Bus Ministry Association came into being "because there's need through this organization to share what is happening in bus evangelism," Bill Powell, convener, said. The Association indicated it plans to set up statewide organizations which might meet in conjunction with annual Baptist state conventions or annual state Baptist pastors' conferences.

The three-officers and eight other directors, chosen by states, will serve one-year terms. The state directors include Al Fairchild of Mississippi.

Mrs. Fairchild reports that "Johnnie the Baptist" is booked with crusades all summer, including one in Washington, D. C. He gave his witness at the Paducah Fair in Paducah, Ky. in June. "He is also involved in bus clinics," she says, "children's workshops, and summer camps, and is planning a trip to India in November for three months. He really keeps the Fairchilds on the run, but they enjoy going with him and usually have a small part of the program."

Charles McKay To Teach In Baptist College

Dr. Charles L. McKay, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Scottsdale, Arizona for the past four years and previously executive secretary of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention for 14 years, has accepted an appointment as professor of Religion at California Baptist College, Riverside, Calif. He will begin teaching in

September, 1974.

McKay is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, where he received the ThM and ThD degrees with high honors. Grand Canyon College conferred on him the Doctor of Laws degree.

The McKay's have two married daughters: Mrs. Ernie Myers, whose husband works with the Sunday School Board; and Mrs. Alvin Wood, whose husband pastors First Southern Baptist, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Baptist Youth Meet . . .

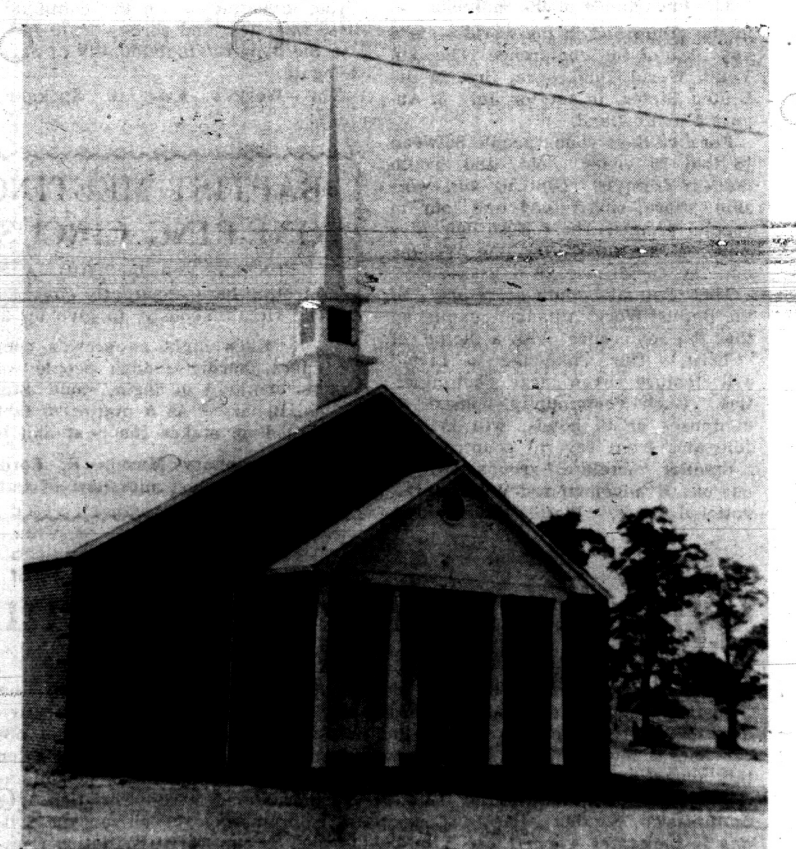
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ferences, said, "The young person will come back with a broader Christian concept, more understanding of people from different lands, and a better appreciation for some of our complex, foreign problems that arise."

The cost, better called an investment, for the conference, will include transportation to and from the lovely mountain city of Portland, room and board (about \$60), and registration fee (North America—\$35; Europe, Australia, New Zealand—\$25; Central and South America, Caribbean—\$15; Africa, Asia, Middle East—\$10). Transportation within Portland is provided for conference activities. Meals can be purchased around the living communities and at the coliseum.

The 8th Youth World Conference meets in a time of world conditions that make its potential exciting. The program features leadership in religion, group relations, and music. Most important, the youth conference features the youth delegates.

The conference is an opportunity for 6,000 young people to take part in — and be part of — a world meeting that will be part of their lives. For registration write: the Baptist World Alliance, 1628 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.



Fairhaven's new brick sanctuary, top, will be dedicated June 30. The interior, bottom, has laminated arches and wood trim in dark oak. The carpets and pew upholstery are turquoise.

Fairhaven To Dedicate Sanctuary

Fairhaven Church, Olive Branch, will have dedication services for their new building on June 30, at 2 p.m. Regular morning services will be held with dinner on the ground afterwards.

Rev. Clyde Rodgers, pastor, First, Como, and former pastor, First Church, Olive Branch will be the featured speaker for the evening. Every-

one will be given the opportunity to make a contribution to the building fund that afternoon.

The new \$128,000 building, including choir loft, balcony, and sanctuary, seats 825, plus office and educational space. Rev. Jackie Cooke is pastor.



SBC APPRECIATION—Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, awarded retiring WMU executive secretary Alma Hunt with a distinguished service plaque during the WMU conference on Monday. Miss Hunt has served in the post for 26 years. (David Clanton Photo).

Baptist Evangelists Challenged 'To Evangelize The World'

By Toby Druin

DALLAS — The First Baptist Church here is accustomed to preaching with gusto, but the rafters rang Wednesday afternoon, June 12 with proclaiming from a bevy of evangelists, and the amplified voices of a host of singers.

The occasion was the annual meeting of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists held in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention. For almost five hours, a standing-room-only crowd heard Southern Baptists challenged to evangelize the world, be true disciples, look to God's message for America in the Middle East and quit letting people leave the church disappointed.

Moody Adams, evangelist from Baton Rouge, La., told the crowd that the victory of Henry Kissinger in achieving peace in the Middle East "could well be the hand of God."

He said that just as God spoke to Moses through the burning bush, God could be speaking to the world today through the survival of Israel.

Bailey Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, Okla., was interrupted several times with applause and given a standing ovation at the close of a message encouraging preachers to quit letting people leave the church "disappointed."

No person ever needs to leave disappointed, he said, if the pulpit is a man of mission not position, if Jesus is revered instead of ignored, if evangelism is primary and not secondary and if the Holy Spirit is honored and not cheapened.

He got a laugh from the audience when he said it takes more than a

pulpit and a church to make a preacher and more than a can of hair spray to make an evangelist.

Bill Penley, evangelist from Candler, N. C., told the crowd that "our greatest ministry is not winning the sinners, but christianizing the saints."

There are three classes of Christians on the road to heaven, he said—those who have Jesus present in their lives; those who have him present and prominent; and those who give him pre-eminence.

"The history of the world where you live is going to depend on what you do with Jesus in the matter of Christian discipleship," he said.

John Haggai, Atlanta-based evangelist, challenged the crowd to truly carry out the Great Commission in giving the gospel to all the world.

"Global concern is imperative in world evangelism," Haggai said.

NASHVILLE — "Christian Liberation for Contemporary Women" is the issue that will be discussed at the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission's conference to be held at the Glorieta Conference Center, Glorieta, N. M., July 27-August 2, 1974. Specific topics to be explored include the Bible and women, a history of women's liberation, women along, abortion, divorce, myths about men and women, and the woman's role in the church. Treating these subjects in the light of Bible teachings will be Dr. Sarah Frances Anders, Dr. and Mrs. David R. Mace, and Dr. Harry N. Hollis, Jr.

Vera R. Mace has authored several books with her husband, David Mace. She took her M. A. at Drew University, Madison, N. J., with a thesis on The Christian Institution of Marriage.

Harvey Elected To Head Convention's Executive Committee

DALLAS — Charles Harvey, pastor of Sunset Acres Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., was elected chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee here June 12.

Harvey, former president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, succeeds Stewart B. Simms, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greer, S. C., who served the maximum allowable two years.

Simms earlier had been elected first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Walter Nunn, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jasper, Ala., was elected vice chairman. He is the immediate past president of the Alabama Baptist State Convention and has served on the finance committee of the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Ned King of Dallas was re-elected recording secretary, and Porter Routh of Nashville was re-elected executive secretary-treasurer.

The officers will appoint new subcommittees of the Executive Committee.

The brief organizational meeting to elect new officers was held at the Statler-Hilton Hotel here after the Southern Baptist Convention earlier had elected new committee members to fill vacancies and expired terms on the 64-member committee.

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seeable future, has no plans or intentions of tax reform legislation to discontinue the income tax deductibility of contributions or to require ministers to pay taxes on their housing allowances.

This does not mean that tax reforms will never affect the churches or their agencies. In this regard, the churches need to remember that "eternal vigilance is the price of freedom."

It is proper that the churches be alert to public policy that affects their freedom. However, they must take care that their participation in public affairs shall be positive, constructive and based on solid information and hard facts. Hearsay, rumor, scare tactics, fantasy and imagination are poor bases on which to launch church action.

Here are the facts: The Mills - Mansfield bill (H. 15230 and S. 3657) was introduced in 1972—an election year in which general and specific tax reform had become a major issue. Representative Wilbur Mills, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, proposed that each instance of special tax treatment be reexamined over a three year period and then be abandoned if good reasons could not be found for retaining the special and favorable treatment. Tax deductible contributions to "public charities"

and ministers' tax-free housing allowances were a part of the category of special tax treatment to be examined.

Less than a month after the bill was introduced, Mills repudiated it in a speech in New York. Mills controls the agenda of the Committee on Ways and Means and his public repudiation meant that no hearings would be scheduled by the Committee.

The Mills - Mansfield bill (H. 15230, S. 3657) officially died with the end of the 93rd Congress in January, 1973. It has not been reintroduced in the 93rd Congress and, according to Mills, it will not be reintroduced.

Congressman John Heinz of Pennsylvania did introduce H. 636 in the 93rd Congress. It was essentially the same as the Mills - Mansfield bill and, as a result, attracted some attention. However, the Committee on Ways and Means did not schedule hearings on the bill, and in April of this year Heinz publicly abandoned his bill in a speech on the floor of the House of Representatives.

No bills are currently alive in Congress which would abolish either the tax deductibility of gifts to churches, schools and other public charities or the tax-free status of ministers' housing allowances. No committees—either the regular standing committees or a "blue ribbon" special committee—are holding hearings or

contemplating holding hearings.

As a result of these false rumors, Congress has been flooded with letters of protest, educational organizations have been urged to mount a major lobbying effort and representatives of religious interests have received concerned inquiries from churches all across the nation.

One new member of Congress has received more than 4,000 letters on this dead legislation in the two months he has been in office. The volume of mail to other Senators and Representatives has been so heavy that many of the offices have found it necessary to use automatic typing machines in answering the questions and protests.

Administrative staff members, trustees and alumni of colleges and universities have written to their educational associations urging immediate and massive action to block the rumored threat to tax deductible contributions.

Church offices in Washington have received an increasing volume of calls and letters seeking information and, in many instances, requesting action from the Washington representatives.

The staff of the Baptist Joint Committee and Washington representatives of other religious groups encourage such inquiries. Responsible associational, state, regional or denominational leadership should be consulted on rumors—no matter how believ-

able they may be. They have access to the facts on church-state and public affairs issues. Action taken after such consultation will lead to a more effective witness in public affairs.

It is highly desirable that citizens participate in the political processes and that they exercise their constitutional right to petition their government in a number of ways—including the writing of letters to members of Congress.

However, if a citizen's contacts with government come as a result of faulty, out-of-date or false information he or she may appear to be uninformed, and his or her views might be largely ignored.

This could result in a situation dangerously close to that of the boy who cried wolf—a later letter from the same person (or constituency) based on sound and correct information might also be ignored or disregarded. The volume of church-originated mail or dead legislation is damaging the credibility of the churches in the eyes of government. (John Baker is director of research services of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C.)

Court Turns Down . . .

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ated schools and not to parents of all school children, we are satisfied that its primary effect is to advance religion and that it is thereby unconstitutional.

"Additionally, Section 5 is unconstitutional because it can only lead to excessive government entanglement with religion. . . Without state supervision these instructional materials and supplies could be used for religious purposes. But the state supervision which would be necessary to assure that these materials were not so used would certainly foster the interference which would constitute excessive entanglement. . ."

The suit, *Public Funds for Public Schools v. Marburger*, was brought educational, and civic groups.

The New Jersey law struck down by the Supreme Court June 17 is similar to a 1974 Maryland law which Americans United for Separation of Church and State and a coalition of religious and educational organizations are in the process of petitioning to a referendum in November.



MR. PRESIDENTS—Ten Southern Baptist Convention past presidents and the present presiding officer were present for the opening day of the 1974 SBC. They included (l-r) H. Franklin Paschall, Brooks Hays, W.

A. Criswell, Herschel Hobbs, J. D. Grey, R. G. Lee, Ramsey Pollard, Wayne Dehoney, Carl Bates, Owen Cooper and K. Owen White. (Don Jordan Photo).

Pastors, Leaders Of Area Invited To See Film On Demon Possession

Pastors and church leaders they may choose, in Jackson and the surrounding area, have been invited to attend a private free showing of a film, *The Enemy*, at the Capri Theater, 3023 N. State St., Jackson, on Saturday, June 29, at 10:00 a.m.

David Lanham, Jackson business man, and deacon of First Baptist Church, is head of a small group of Christian leaders, which has arranged for the film to be shown in Jackson, as an aid to pastors and church leaders who are dealing with demonic problems, now being confronted because of the showing of the film "The Exorcist" and other films and books and literature which have brought the subject to the forefront.

Mr. Lanham said that letters are being mailed to pastors of all denominations in the area, inviting them to come to the showing, and to bring selected church leaders with them.

He said that in addition to the film, some books, other literature, and tapes, to be used in dealing with the problem among youth, will be presented, and made available.

The film, "The Enemy," is the true story of the experience of two Christian youth workers dealing with demon possession as it affected two teenagers with whom they were working. It is a professionally made film, produced by Ken Anderson Films of Winona Lake, Indiana. Its purpose, according to a news release, is to step into the present climate

The Capri Theater in Jackson is on North State Street, about three blocks north of Mississippi Memorial Stadium.

Urges Christians To Lead The Fight Against Hunger

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cropland, and grain was left to rot in silos."

Besides the suggestion on Thanksgiving, Hatfield challenged Christians on a practical level to meet the world's suffering and hunger by:

—Setting aside specific amounts in congregational budgets directed to "meeting the needs of starving people in some particular point of the world."

—Considering a "graduated tithe, which increases in its percentage according to the amount of one's income."

—Renewing the "Christian discipline of fasting as a means of teaching us how to identify with those who hunger."

—Analyzing "Our own habits of food consumption."

Hatfield warned that evangelistic efforts are futile in trying to win a person who "spends his waking hours struggling for enough physical bread to avoid starvation. How can we dare share this message of Christian, the

bread of life," he asked, "without trying to fill his empty stomach with food?"

Calling such a posture "one of the tragedies of the church today," and one "which surely grieves the Holy Spirit," Hatfield declared that choosing between evangelism and social action is to make a division not found in the scriptures or in the life of Christ. "This is a false dichotomy which we have created," he stated, "and which we must allow God to destroy."

Hatfield said Americans consume a disproportionate amount of the world's supplies of energy and foodstuffs and are therefore particularly responsible for setting new national priorities and commitments.

He pointed to the fact that 1975 federal budget calls for a military budget of \$80 billion, amounting to "63% of the funds Congress can actually control."

"By contrast," he stated, "all the funds proposed in this year's budget for the purpose of providing humanitarian and economic assistance to other nations, and to disadvantaged people, comes to \$1.9 billion."

"FELLOW CITIZEN, A. LINCOLN" WINS BLUE RIBBON FOR BAPTISTS

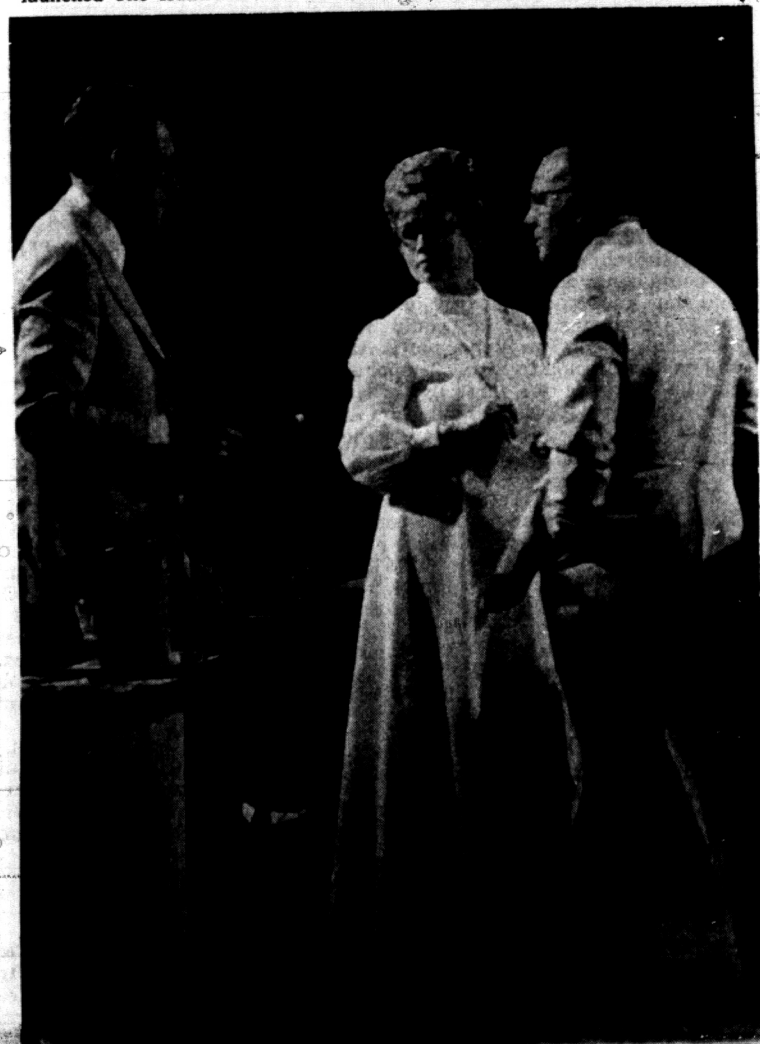
FORT WORTH (BP)—The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here has won its second blue ribbon (first prize) from the prestigious American Film Festival for a documentary production released in its The Human Dimension television series.

"Fellow Citizen, A. Lincoln" won the blue ribbon in the festival's history and archaeology category. The film was produced by Aram Boyajian and Cecile Starr of New York for the commission.

The American Film Festival only awards one blue ribbon and one red ribbon in each category, making it a coveted award by film makers. Winning films will be distributed to libraries across the nation.

"Home," the commission's documentary on ecology, won the festival's blue ribbon in 1972.

Truett Myers, the commission's senior vice president, "production services, said "Fellow Citizen, A. Lincoln" is a result of the philosophy which launched The Human Dimension television series.



DEBATE ON WOMEN'S ROLE—Cecil Sherman, of Asheville, N. C., (left) chairman of the SBC Christian Life Commission, and Mrs. Richard Sappington of Houston, wife of a Baptist pastor, took opposite sides over the issue of women's role in the church during debate at the SBC. Clifton Brannon (right), second vice president of the convention, presided during the stiffly-debated convention session. (James Lee Young photo).

The Convention President Speaks

Most of you know I have worn at least two hats during most of my tenure as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. One is that of being president and the other is serving as general chairman of the Restore Gulfshore Fund-raising Campaign. Each has been a rewarding experience.

In the fund-raising campaign, I have met and made some new and wonderful friends. Our Lord has some great and dedicated people in this state. They are people who not only go the second mile, but many beyond that. I have seen some fine people say we will double our pledge to see this campaign go.

Although there will be an official announcement about this, I am delighted to share it with you now. I received a phone call June 19 and Mr. Holman, our state-wide chairman of individual gifts, gave me the good news that Jackson had exceeded the goal of \$100,000 in the individual gift area. This is not an audited statement, but based on a previous news release and general knowledge of additional pledges, I believe us to be nearing the \$1,150,000 mark in pledges. This would leave only \$100,000 to go. We surely need your help in this matter.

Please put your hand to the plow and help. Also, please make this a matter of prayer. Let's finish this job so we can get on to other things in the Lord's work.—David Grant.

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EDITORIAL Guest Editorial

Christian Citizen: America Needs You!

by C. Welton Gaddy

Christian Life Commission of the SBC "Stay away." That was the counsel of former White House Staff Member Gordon Strachan when asked if he had any advice for young people regarding politics. No Christian can heed these words and remain true to either the concept of democracy or the Christian faith.

Christian Citizenship Sunday, June 30, 1974, offers Southern Baptist churches an opportunity to focus upon what it means to be a Christian citizen. "Christian Citizen: America Needs You!" is the theme of this special Sunday on the denominational calendar.

From every church and political precinct in our nation the call is for active political involvement for persons with

integrity so public confidence in government may be restored.

Last year, hundreds of churches found the observance of Christian Citizenship Sunday to be a most significant experience. Sermons and programs on Christian citizenship, visits from local representatives in government, workshops on political involvement, and other similar activities can be beneficial. Local congregations may consider how to have a greater impact on the political processes of the community. Christians have been inspired to assume a more active role in government affairs as well as to be better informed on methods of involvement.

America can benefit from the suggestions, opinions, and new ideas of Christian citizens. A sense of divine commissions leads Christians into the political process. Convictions inspired

by the Bible and actions shaped by the Spirit of Christ can be tremendously influential in that mix of political partisanship, economic realism, and legislative expediency out of which governmental decisions are made and national legislation formulated.

Long ago the French statesman Alexis de Tocqueville observed, "America is great because America is good" and warned, "If America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great." Christians are charged with the responsibility of good citizenship not only that the nation may be good and thus great, but even more importantly, that the Lordship of Christ may be extended into this all-important area of life and that God may be glorified through us.

Plan to observe Christian Citizenship Sunday, June 30. America needs Christian citizens!

Baptists And Their Business

Long ago, Dr. J. B. Gambrell, former editor of the Baptist Record, wrote a book under the title, "Baptists and their Business." In the chapters he discussed Baptist policies especially as they related to other groups. In this editorial we take Dr. Gambrell's title, but not his thought, because we are thinking of the principles by which Baptists carry on their work, and not of how they work with others.

During the past two weeks we have seen Baptists at work, doing the job which God has assigned to them. We saw them in the framework of the large body of the Southern Baptist Convention, and we saw them in the detailed agenda of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Had we wished to see samples of the entire process of Baptist business we would have had to visit a church in business session, committees in the church, committees and boards of the state and national convention, and sim-

ilar meetings.

Baptist business begins in the church. Under their polity the organization is an inverted triangle, with the churches at the top, and in control. The associations, the state conventions, and the national denomination all are the creatures of the churches, and responsible to the churches.

Churches handle much of their business in regular business meetings, but some things cannot be cared for that way. They must depend upon committees and individuals to do most of the work which is done. Otherwise, the churches quickly would be bogged down with details, which smaller groups could deal with much more effectively.

The same thing is true with the denomination. It would be utterly impossible for all of the detail of a great denominational program to be directed from a convention floor. The convention elects boards, committees, and commissions, and executive and other personnel to carry on its work.

In Mississippi we have a State Convention Board which expedites the mission program which has been adopted by the state convention. We also have boards to direct the work of the institutions, and committees and commissions to carry on their work.

The state Convention Board has three regular meetings each year, and more if they are required. At its first annual meeting it chooses an Executive Committee which carries on the work of the convention through the year. The convention board sets the programs and policies, on the basis of the larger program which has been established by the convention itself, and then the Executive Committee handles the details of the program, with convention board personnel, under the direction of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, carrying them out.

Two weeks ago I watched the Southern Baptist Convention in action as it debated issues, and made decisions concerning its work. Last week I sat for several hours in a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, listening as Dr. Kelly and members of the committee discussed many matters relating to Mississippi Baptists and their work.

Where it was possible for the committee to make decisions, under the authority which has been delegated to it by the convention, it did so. Those matters which require action by the convention board were discussed, but will be carried to the board itself for action.

The meetings of the Convention Board and the Executive Committee are open meetings, and thus may be attended by the press or any interested Baptist pastor or layman. Nothing is done behind closed doors, for these boards and committees are conducting convention business under the direction of the convention. They work under the principle that every Mississippi Baptist has a right to know what is being done.

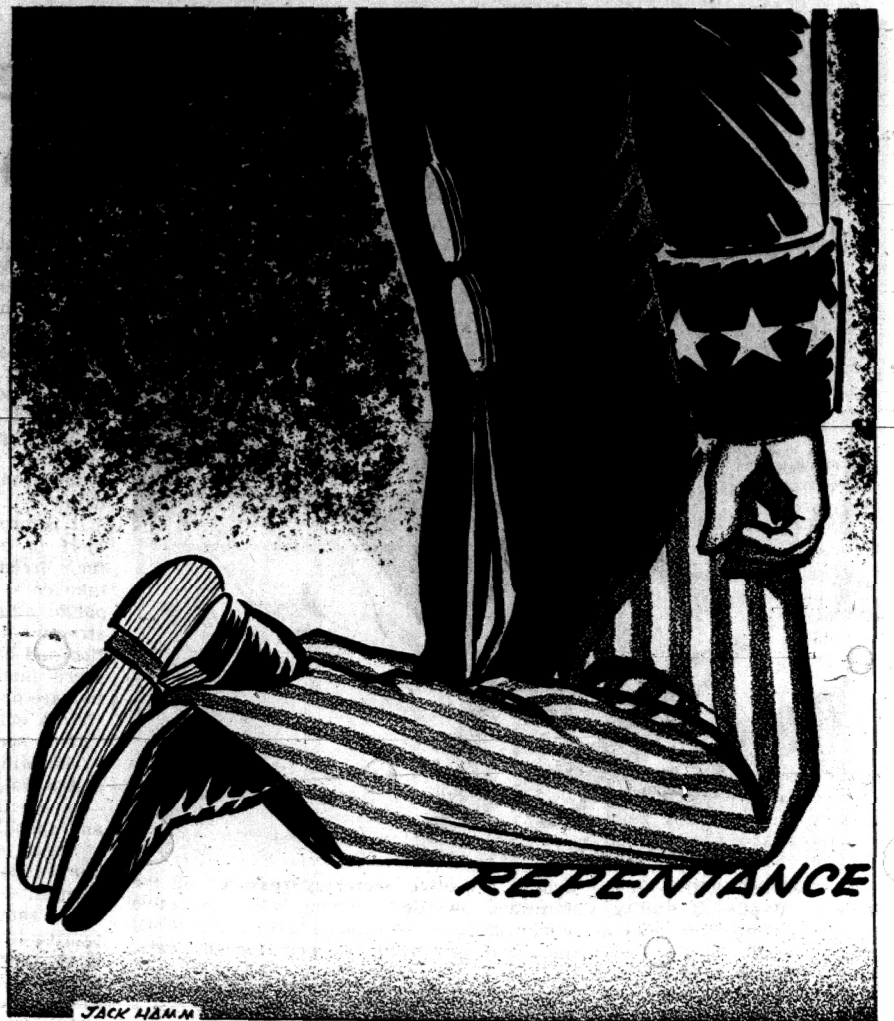
It is under this same principle that the financial records of the convention are open so that the people can know how every penny is spent. The books are audited each year. Any church or any pastor or layman may visit the business office and see the record of his or her church, or the records of expenditures as they are made.

Mississippi Executive Secretary-Treasurers through the years have operated on the principle that the people have a right to know. Dr. Kelly has stated publicly that he wants all meetings to be fully open to the Baptists of the state, and that any Baptist is welcome to any meeting.

The Baptist Record, as the official journal of Mississippi Baptists, seeks faithfully to report on actions taken by various boards and committees. Its purpose is to keep the Baptist people fully informed concerning their program.

This, then, is how Mississippi Baptist and Southern Baptist work is done. The churches, church elected messengers, or chosen committees and boards, direct all of the work. All is done on the basis of principles adopted by messengers sent from the churches.

You could not have anything much more democratic than that.



If He Is To Rise To New Heights

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Writes In Interest Of Retired People Who Are Lonely

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in the interest of retired people who are left alone in the world without children, lose their loved ones, and no one ever comes to see them. I get so lonesome I have to cry so much, only God knows what we have to go through with.

I had waited on my husband three years. He passed away February 6, 1973. We would have been married fifty years on July 1, 1973. I love my church. I love my God. I serve him the best way I can. I can drive my car and go where I want to. And they tell me I am not sick and can go wherever I want to, but something is wrong some-where.

I know I used to do lots of visiting to people that didn't have children. And what is life or a home if the only time people come is when you invite them or they want something, or something is wrong? The commandment, "Love your neighbor as yourself," is certainly being broken more than ever before.

I am older than any of the neighbors (if I live until the 23rd of October I will be 70 years old). Most people seem to be caught up in their own affairs, hurrying off. They say they have to work all the time. It seems I don't have but one friend, and that is our heavenly Father, and if we didn't have him to depend on we sure would be in a terrible condition.

I would sure like to know what others know about this. I know who is watching over me.

Mrs. W. T. Brown
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Do You Know A Baptist Student In Washington, D. C.?

To The Editor:

Serving students through Baptist Student Union in the nation's capital, as we do, presents many challenges, not the least of which is the problem of identifying our Baptist student constituency. Since the universities in Washington, D. C. are national rather than local in their scope and reputation, their student bodies are drawn from every state and, indeed, from around the world.

Perhaps readers of your paper know of students from their churches who are currently in Washington or who will be coming here in the near future. It would be a real service to us, and we believe, a service to the students, if their names and addresses could be forwarded to us for follow-up and ministry.

The principal schools to which we relate are American University, George Washington University, Gallaudet College, Howard University, and the University of Maryland. Names can be sent us c/o Kay Spiritual Life Center, American University, Washington, D. C. 20016.

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On The MORAL SCENE...

CONCERNED SIGHT-SEEING — "Visitors to Washington, D. C., this summer will have a new kind of tourist guide — consumer advocate Ralph Nader. Nader plans to open a 'Public Citizen Visitors' Center,' designed, he says, to make tourists 'issue-oriented.' He wants travelers, besides eyeing monuments, to watch auto-safety movies, buttonhole congressmen and sit in on regulatory hearings." — Newsweek, May 20, 1974



A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

—Wilda Fancher—

It is a cloudy, dark Sunday afternoon, barely raining. The world is very dark green because the grass and trees and shrubs are wet-clean from the night rain. Still and stately best describe the way the woods behind our house are today, serene and sad to those who do not like rainy days, serene and almost sacred to those of us who do like rainy days. The birds sing with joy while the rain droplets roll from their waterproofed coats.

Even neighborhood noises are muted and muffled. From the highway a block away come motor sounds which seem to be pushed down to the earth and softened a bit instead of zinging along sound waves high in the air. It is probably exactly the kind of afternoon I need to prepare me for the kind of week I have ahead. A heavy, unusual week for me, and I may come apart before it is over.

Now, you are expecting me to tell you some horrendous experience waiting for me or someone I love, aren't you? It's quite the opposite, really, though. This is the first week since back in early December which I can call my own — a week when the calendar contains only one appointment outside my regular routine. I just may not be able to cope with leisure. Of course, there are appointments beyond this week for which I must complete preparation, but there will be some hours this week to do what I would like to do — starting with a double roll of wall paper (yes, lavender) and a book of crossword puzzles. Then the next week James and the two boys who are not in summer school will go away for a brief vacation trip.

What's my point? Times of rest and relaxation are scarce in our busy world, yours and mine. Too often when we find them, we are so wound up and far behind that we have a hard time letting our bodies and spirits take the time off. So I sit here, thinking about times in the Bible when people were told to rest in the Lord, and I thank God for this quiet, wet, peaceful afternoon to help me get ready for a vacation. My experiences will be varied, and I am fortunate that this year I will have a change in scenery — many years this is not possible for us — I will look at things as insignificant as bitterweeds on the side of the road and things as magnificent as mountains on the side of the world; I will hear sounds as commonplace as the voices of my family and as unusual as the voices of the wilderness; I will see old friends and converse with strangers; I will watch artisans at work in skills as old as my country, and will look at the products of man's newest knowledge. In it all, I will know the leadership of God, turning our steps toward what we need to look at, listen to, and participate in.

And you know what, don't you? The best part of the whole two weeks will be when He puts into our hearts and minds that marvelous urge to head for home, almost unable to wait to get back into busy days that we could hardly wait to get away from.

Else, what's a vacation for? — Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

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Vignettes From Dallas

Vignettes are, among other things, short verbal descriptions. It is thus that we are looking back to Dallas, at some of the things which still remain in our mind as we think of that meeting.

One of the most touching, and long to be remembered, moments was when Lee Roy Till, former director of music for First Church, Dallas appeared on the Wednesday evening program for a solo. He has been very seriously ill, and now wears dark glasses, because of double vision. That was the night when his pastor, Dr. W. A. Criswell, brought the opening message, and when a 500 voice combined choir from the Church, sang. This was his first public appearance since struck down by a viral infection in February, 1972. This day, the music director of the church had called to see if he could sing, and his wife, Hannah, said that he would. Lee Roy could not see the audience, but he could hear them. He sang, "The Wonder of It All," and as he returned to his seat, spoke of how he had sung one verse twice. Hannah, listening to the thunderous applause, said, "But, listen honey, to how they love you."

This is a year of retirement among Southern Baptist leadership. Recognized were Dr. James L. Sullivan of the Sunday School Board, Miss Alma Hunt of Woman's Missionary Union, Dr. Olin T. Binkley of Southeastern Seminary and Rev. Marvin Crowe of the Sunday School Board. Dr. Glenn L. Archer, retiring from the position as Director of Americans United, made his final public address in Dallas.

In connection with Miss Alma Hunt's retirement, tribute was paid her by Executive Secretary Glendon McCullough of the Brotherhood Commission. A few years ago, the work of Roy A

Ambassadors was transferred from the WMU to the Brotherhood. A young R. A. brought a beautiful arrangement of red roses for Miss Hunt, and Dr. McCullough said that the script called for the lad to kiss Miss Hunt, but that he did not believe that boys should be sent to do men's work. He then proceeded to give Miss Hunt a light kiss on the cheek as an expression of the appreciation Southern Baptists have for her. The crowd gave its approval.

At one point in the program the sound system faded out several times while a speaker was at the microphone. The speaker was off for several seconds with no one in the vast hall hearing what was being said. Then the sound came on again. After a moment it faded again, and then as it returned, President Owen Cooper stepped to the microphone and said, "Let the record show there were no expletives delayed in this sound break."

Baptist children whose parents were attending the convention, staged a convention of their own, complete with resolutions. With whoops and shouts the 300 little messengers from across United States took over a somewhat exclusive area in White Rock Lake Park. The occasion was the first day camp for children at SBC. It was sponsored by the Baptist Brotherhood Commission and Texas Baptist men, and was a three-day event. Total strangers to each other, it wasn't long before a little blond girl from Oklahoma and a little red-haired girl with freckles from Mississippi were fast friends. The program included games, nature hikes, worship periods, museum visits, talks by missionaries, and other features. The whole group was divided into mission field areas, and leaders said, "We're teaching mission action, mission involvement and about God." It was so successful, that we expect it will be a regular feature of coming conventions.

UAL by Margaret Sharp (Convention Press, paper, 92 pp., Church Study Course) This manual is designed to give director and other leaders of church member training guidelines for carrying out this important task. Motivation and direction are also provided to help correlate all age-group training into a comprehensive member training program.

LEARNING TO LISTEN, LORD by Harold Rogers (Word Books, paper, 104 pp.,

\$1.95) Convinced that learning to listen could help one improve his communication with God, the author shares the results of his search for "a listening plan."

4766 QUOTES FOR SERMONS AND ADDRESSES by E. C. McKenzie (Baker, 140 pp., \$1.95).

Short quotations on many subjects. The material is classified alphabetically and the speaker who is seeking the truth in capsule form will find much here that he can use.

NEWEST BOOKS

BEING CREATIVE by Manell and Susan Essel (Broadman, paper, \$1.95) Being creative for one person may mean something different to another. But every person has a measure of creativity. This book is meant to stimulate youth to take hold and identify creativity as a way of life. "God in you living out his purpose." It is a book for people who are not afraid of a new idea.

CHURCH MEMBER TRAINING MAN-

Mississippi Journeyman

Nurse Fills "Parent-Image" For Motherless African Girl

GATOOMA, Rhodesia — A year ago Guy Lockhart (a Mississippian) opened her home, her heart and her life to a small, sick, motherless African girl. Today, she has seen her prayers of that day answered.

Kapudzi was six-years-old, frightened and very sick with a respiratory infection when her father brought her to the out-patient clinic here where Miss Lockhart is stationed as a Southern Baptist missionary journeyman nurse.

Kapudzi needed to be admitted to the hospital, but her father said there was no one to stay with her except a 10-year-old brother because he had other small children at home.

As they started to leave, the child collapsed, too weak to ride home on her father's bicycle. The young nurse

carried Kapudzi on her back to her own home. She fed the little girl and her father and finally convinced him to let Kapudzi stay in the hospital.

That night Miss Lockhart and the little African girl made their beds side-by-side on the concrete hospital room floor, each with a thin blanket and Miss Lockhart using her thick Bible for a pillow.

"I watched Kapudzi as she slept," Miss Lockhart said, "knowing that surely she too was cold, tired and uncomfortable. As I moved to try to wrap myself around her thin, sick little body, a mother's love dawned within."

Kapudzi's brother came to take care of her, but he too was admitted. Two weeks later they were both

transferred to the Tuberculosis Hospital.

That was in June, 1973. In August the brother was released and his father came to take him home. It wasn't until late November that Kapudzi was finally released and she returned to the clinic a healthy little girl with a smile on her face.

Miss Lockhart spent two days trying to find her home, only to learn that her father had moved.

"We turned from her old home and headed back," Miss Lockhart states, "and when I looked at her face, the smile was still there. Perhaps she knew, surely she knew, even then, how much we all loved her."

Kapudzi moved into Miss Lock-

hart's home.

"Each new day we were all given opportunities to simply love her, and perhaps that is what she needed the most," the journeyman nurse continued. "She played every day with the missionary kids here, and though of two different languages, customs and backgrounds, they developed a very special friendship, knitted together by the kind of love that God has enabled only a child to give."

Her father finally came for her in January. Before leaving, plans were made for her to return a few weeks later to enroll to start school.

She returned too late for school one afternoon in February, sick again.

Miss Lockhart felt that Kapudzi could not live many more years unless her home life changed, unless her father began to take responsibility for her physical needs.

Again Kapudzi was sent to the tuberculosis hospital, where she is now. But this time it's different.

The father waiting on the outside for her was not the man he used to be. That February afternoon when he brought Kapudzi to the clinic he became a Christian.

"And so," writes Miss Lockhart, "God answered my prayers for that little African girl, by changing her father."

Miss Guy Lockhart, missionary journeyman to Rhodesia, has completed her term of service and returned to the States. She may be addressed at 1602 Myrtle, Jackson, Miss. 39202, her hometown.



GATOOMA, Rhodesia—Six-year-old motherless Rhodesian girl, Kapudzi, was sick with a respiratory infection when Southern Baptist missionary journeyman nurse Guy Lockhart found her. Miss Lockhart helped care for her and even "adopted" her for a few months until Kapudzi's father could be located.

50th Anniversary: Degrees For Women At MC

CLINTON — The 1974 graduation ceremonies of Mississippi College marked an interesting 50 year anniversary of the general conferral of degrees upon women students.

In 1924, there were seven young women who graduated in the first unrestricted conferral of degrees upon women. In the 50th anniversary of this event held recently, there were 236 women graduates.

Mississippi College was founded in 1826 with male and female departments. This made the college an early day example of co-ordination of divisions for men and women students, of which Harvard and Radcliffe are the best known examples. The records reveal that two young women received degrees in 1832. They were Lucinda Bagley of Covington, La., and Caroline H. Coulter of Vicksburg. Mississippi College is purported to be the first coeducational college in the country to grant degrees to a woman.

The idea evidently proved to be either unpopular or impractical, for soon thereafter the college became an all-male institution with nearby Hill-

man College being the college to which young women students went.

Following those early years of the college, the only three young women graduated prior to 1924 were either daughters of professors or, in one instance, a close relative. Anna Ward Aven, now Mrs. William Whittington, Sr., of Greenwood, received a degree in 1905 and was pictured in the first annual of the college (1907) as the only female graduate of the college. Miss Ely Steele received a degree in 1917, and Miss Margaret Latimer received a degree in 1922 along with her twin brother, John Latimer.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention, in 1922, authorized the admission of young women students only to the junior and senior classes of Mississippi College. This was done because, at that time, neither of the Convention's colleges for women had been accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges, whereas in that year Mississippi College had received accreditation.

Practically all of the seven young women graduates in the 1924 class

had received degrees from non-accredited colleges and came for a session to Mississippi College to standardize their degrees. The seven were Corinne Byrd, Eula Clegg Dampier, Leska Granberry, Mary Belle King, Louella Landrum, Frances Parkinson, and Addie Mae Stevens.

Although the 1923-24 session marked the general admission of young women students to the junior and senior classes of the college, no girls were housed on the campus until after Hillman College merged with Mississippi College in 1942.

The first dormitories built for occupancy by young women students were Hederman and Gunter Halls. Now there are five dormitories for girls. Since 1942, there had been unrestricted admission of young women students to all classes of the college.

Now, fifty years after the graduation of those seven "pioneer women," 48% of the college enrollment consists of young women students, and in this year's graduation class they constitute 50% of the total.



This year marks the 50th year anniversary of unrestricted conferral of degrees on women at Mississippi College. Two members of the 1924 class were on hand at the college recently to receive Golden Anniversary diplomas from Dr. Lewis Nobles (center), college president. The two returnees were Mrs. John M. King, Sr., of Clinton (left) and Mrs. Louella Landrum Crawford (right), a Clinton native now living in Houston, Texas. There were only seven young women in the 1924 class, while this year 236 women received degrees. (M. C. Photo by Rosa Lee Harden)

Bishop Installed

Baptists In Washington Ceremony

By Anne Washburn McWilliams
At least one Baptist deacon marched in the colorful procession that preceded the installation of Bishop John Allin of the Diocese of Mississippi as presiding bishop of the 3.2-million member Episcopal Church.

Governor Bill Waller, a deacon in First Church, Jackson, and around 150 other representatives of the people of Mississippi, followed the Mississippi flag into the people-packed Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul in Washington, D. C. on June 11. Newspapers reported that 500 Mississippians were among the 3,000 that watched the elaborate pageant.

"Not since the state of Mississippi produced two Miss Americas, more or less in a row, has the Magnolia State been so pleased with itself as now," wrote Henry Mitchell in The Washington Post.

At the Mississippi Banquet given in honor of Bishop Allin on Monday night, June 10, a prominent Baptist entertainer from Yazoo City was on the program. Jerry Clower in his flashy yellow suit was guest speaker. Governor and Mrs. Waller were also among the many Mississippians at the banquet in the Palladian Room of the Shoreham - Americana Hotel.

Almost 700, clergy and laity, took part in the series of processions that began the installation service on Tuesday morning. These included leaders in the Episcopal Church; Anglican leaders from at least five countries abroad (Belgium, Japan,



WASHINGTON, D. C. — The majestic Gothic interior of the Washington Cathedral provides the setting as a procession enters during the installation of the Rt. Rev. John Maury Allin as the 23rd Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. (RNS Photo)

Scotland, England, and several African nations); and representatives of 18 other U. S. churches, Protestant and Catholic.

Clergymen's cloaks splashed color across the immense cathedral — in reds and yellows, blues, purples, and greens.

Dean Francis Sayre of the Washington Cathedral and others gathered at the west doors where they awaited the traditional knock as the presiding bishop-elect entered.

Before taking the oath of office, Bishop Allin took part in an ancient procedure of facing the various points of the compass. He was conducted to the north and south and east and west and presented to the people. He then was escorted to his stall — or "installed."

In the music for the service the traditional was blended with the modern. Drums, trumpets, timpani, choirs from four cities, and the big pipe



Governor Bill Waller presents an Outstanding Mississippian Award in Washington to Bishop John Maury Allin. Governor and Mrs. Waller and Lieutenant Governor William Winter and Mrs. Winter led a delegation of state officials to the nation's capital for the occasion.

organ (John Paul, organist, from St. Andrews Cathedral in Jackson) all made much of this most festive of Episcopal occasions.

Bishop John Maury Allin, native of Arkansas, owes a part of his education to Mississippi Baptists, for he earned his master's degree in education at Mississippi College, after he had received bachelor's and divinity degrees from the Episcopal university at Sewanee, Tennessee.

The installation ceremony was telecast on the CBS program, "Lamp Unto My Feet," shown from WLB. Jackson, Sunday, June 23.

"Formerly Marrieds" Needs Target On New Alta Woods Church Ministry In Jackson

By Sidney D. Comer

Ministering to special needs — that's what Alta Woods Church's work with formerly married adults is all about.

The story does not end there, however. The group also is one of the fastest growing organizations of the 2,200-plus member congregation.

The class, currently known as the "Formerly Marrieds" Class, has met for some three years now, but only recently has really blossomed forth under the leadership of Mrs. Jack Stanley.

The "Formerly Marrieds" Class is made up of individuals who have been married, but no longer are because of separation, divorce or being widowed.

"Some statistics report that one of every three marriages today is ending up in divorce," comments Marian Seward, minister of education at Alta Woods, Jackson.

"We want to do all that is possible to prevent a divorce, but since they are happening anyhow, we want to minister to the obvious needs of those who experience them," Seward added.

Dr. Charles E. Myers, pastor of the southwest Jackson congregation, indicated a like feeling about ministering to the group.

"I feel that our ministry must be redemptive. These people have faced a peculiar crisis and our ministry is to help them through this period of rebuilding," said the pastor.

When the group first began its recent startling growth last fall, Mrs. Stanley started with just a handful of prospects and members, many of whom were not really active in the church program.

"Many of our class members' just didn't feel they fit into the regular married adult groups," said Mrs. Stanley, who then went on to say that lessons presented in the regular departments aimed at meeting the normal family's needs many times did not really help the single parent rearing a family.

Consequently, when Mrs. Stanley began her efforts last fall through a Sunday School class meeting in the television lounge of the Family Center, she really worked to make the Scripture lessons and their applications fit the needs of the formerly married individuals and their families.

She also assured them of the church's interest in them and their problems.

Dr. Myers also played a vital role in working with the class in counseling with its members, visiting prospects and providing leadership.

Apparently the message began to get through and around. "Formerly Marrieds" began telling their formerly married friends of the class. Visits and phone calls were made.

The class of four or five persons a Sunday grew to 10 and then 20 and then 30.

It now has almost 40 members, averaging about 30 a Sunday in attend-

ance. At least 50-60 more persons have visited the class in recent months and are prospective members.

"I'm exceptionally well pleased with the class," said Dr. Myers, "I think this is the most exciting thing we have going on at our church right now."

As the class has grown, it has expanded from not only a Sunday School class, but into a Church Training group as well, meeting each Sunday evening to learn more about the church, doctrine, the Christian life and other topics aimed at helping the individuals meet life and its responsibilities day to day.

Socials also are being held frequently at the home of Mrs. Stanley and in the homes of the class members. The class members are becoming active in the total church program — many singing in the choir, participating in activities at the Family Center, visiting in the church's Outreach program and many other things.

"Through the ministry of this class, lives have been really changed — so many times I just can't count them," said the teacher, "The stories are just thrilling to hear."

"We are working so hard to meet the needs of these people, but even more than that they are working just as hard at not only meeting their own needs, but at helping each other and any other formerly marrieds they find out about."

It seems a consensus of opinion among the church's staff members that the "Formerly Marrieds" are contributing as much to the church as the church is to them.

The group has outgrown its Family Center meeting room and now meets for Sunday School in a house owned by the church just down the street from the Family Center. The Church Training meeting is held in the church's education building.

Meeting times are 9:45 a.m. for Sunday School and 7 p.m. for Church Training. Worship services are at 11

a.m. and 6 p.m.

All interested "Formerly Marrieds" are invited to attend the class or call the church at 372-8651 to request a brochure on the class.

New Orleans Seminary Honors Mississippian

J. Hoffman Harris, pastor of Briarlake Church, Decatur, Ga., was presented the Faculty Outstanding Alumnus Award for 1974 at the annual New Orleans Seminary alumni luncheon June 12 in Dallas. Harris was formerly pastor at Trinity, Biloxi.

The alumni ejected Gil Barrow, pastor of First Church, Leesburg, Fla., as their new president. Barrow, who had been serving as president-elect, succeeds Bernard Weaver of Lithia Springs, Ga. Barrow is a graduate of MC and married to a Mississippian.

In his keynote address, Dr. Ray Rust, acting seminary president, brought the alumni up to date on the seminary's three construction projects: the 21,000 square-foot addition to the library, the renovation of the Frost Building and the erection of a spire on Leavell Chapel. He added that a little more than \$20,000 was needed to complete the spire fund.

The New Orleans Seminary board of trustees, convening in Dallas for a called meeting June 11, approved the employment of two new professors, Dr. Bradford Curry of Ft. Pierce, Fla., and Dr. Carroll Benton Freeman Sr. of Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dr. Freeman, native of Petal, who will assume the position of associate professor of psychology and counseling, is area coordinator for the Mississippi Council on Aging and a professional therapist for the West Alabama Mental Health Assoc.



LISTENING INTENTLY — Mrs. Nell Stanley (standing), listens intently as a member of the "Formerly Marrieds" Class at Alta Woods Church comments on a point during a Sunday School lesson. The class, one of the fastest growing groups of the 2,200-plus member congregation, is working hard at meeting the very special needs of its formerly married members and prospects.

Hoffmeyer Joins Louisiana Paper As Associate Editor

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP) — Oscar Hoffmeyer Jr., assistant professor of journalism at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., since 1969, has been named associate editor of the Baptist Message, state paper for Louisiana Southern Baptists.

Before teaching at Baylor, Hoffmeyer was director of news services and a journalism instructor at Louisiana College, a Baptist school in Pineville, La. He has also served as director of public relations for the Missouri Baptist Children's Home, St. Louis, and as a copy editor for the Times-Picayune in New Orleans.

Hoffmeyer is a graduate of Baylor where he majored in journalism and religion, and holds a master's degree in religious education from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and a master of arts degree in journalism from East Texas State University, Commerce, Tex.



Clear Creek Dedicates Fellowship Hall

Clear Creek (Wayne) has dedicated the fellowship hall and other improvements. The church has since 1972 installed central heat and air, carpeted the sanctuary, and bricked the entire church. At the time of the dedication service the church was debt-free. Pictured left to right are Mary Lo Vaughn, Mabrey Graham, Robert L. Graham, Joyce Stanley, Percy Waller, Ruth West, Building committee; Billy Ray Blackwell, pastor, Wilson W. Boggan, associational missionary.



Pearl River Association Building Debt Free

The Pearl River Association observed a note-burning ceremony for their mission building on May 19. The association bought the building in 1972 for \$12,000. This is an office building with secretarial space, two offices, and conference room, on Highway 11 at Carriere. Left to right: Rev. George Lee, foster missionary; Norman Sims, trustee; Rev. James Smith, moderator; Rev. Bill Duncan, missions committee chairman; C. C. Barefoot, who led in the dedication prayer; F. S. Lumpkin, Sr., from whom the building was purchased; Dr. Robert Barnes, chairman of finances; A. R. Sumrall, trustee; Rev. William Gary Smith. (The lady to the extreme right is Mrs. Myrtle Porter, Association secretary.)



1st, Pontotoc Building Payments Complete

First Church, Pontotoc, recently held a note-burning ceremony to commemorate the full payment of indebtedness on the four-story education building completed in 1968. Participants (pictured) were W. L. Carpenter, Finance Committee Chairman, Mrs. Ben Hurt, whose late husband was Chairman of the overall building program, Dr. W. Levon Moore, pastor, and Floyd McCullough, chairman of deacons. The burning of the note symbolized the payment of \$120,000 in approximately five years. Dr. Moore states, "It is significant that during this five years the church gave more to world missions than it had ever given in any other five-year period."



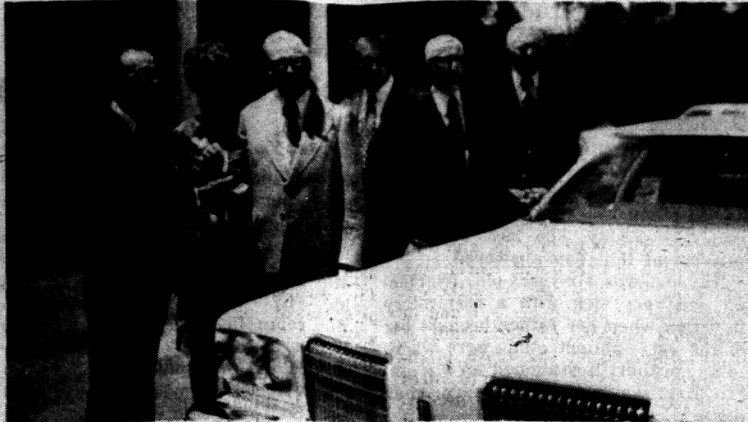
Immanuel Church, Columbus, Breaks Ground

Immanuel Church, Columbus, observed a groundbreaking ceremony on June 9. The church is planning immediately construction of a multi-purpose building that will be educational, recreational and will also contain a garage to maintain their buses. There will be two stories of educational rooms which will house 300 children, a kitchen, gymnasium and the garage. The building will have space for three children's worship services. A phased program of construction will eventually include two more buildings for educational purposes. The church, ideally located across from Leigh Mall and with a large bus ministry, is rapidly growing. Pictured are Pastor Jerry E. File, Ben Yarber, chairman of deacons, and Steve Porter, Chairman of the Building Committee, in foreground.



First, Biloxi, Leases Billboards

First Baptist Church, Biloxi, has leased two billboards, one on Highway 90 and one on the back bay. Mose Dangerfield, minister of education, says, "This is something new in our area church promotion." Copy is changed every two months. Crawford Advertising Company works with the church on designing the billboard messages. Sometimes their material is used, with only the church name added, but the picture above was designed by the church, and the ad company's artist drew it. Rev. Frank Gunn is the pastor.



Old Hebron Gives Car To Pastor Bilbo

In appreciation for faithful services rendered, Old Hebron Church recently presented their pastor, Rev. R. G. Bilbo, a 1974 automobile. At the time Mr. Bilbo assumed the pastorate of the church the resident membership was 134. Now it is 175. Old Hebron is one of the oldest churches in the Jeff Davis Association, having been organized in 1821. Mr. Bilbo is a native of Hancock County, having formerly served pastorates in Neshoba, Issaquena, and Rankin. Above, the chairman of deacons of Old Hebron presents the keys to the new car to Pastor Bilbo, as his wife, and deacons look on. (L-to-R.) Rev. and Mrs. Bilbo, Clyde Cole, Glenn Bridges, D. B. Quinn, Lloyd Stevenson. (Not pictured are deacons Buddy Stevenson, E. L. Daughdrill and D. B. Walker.)

MP&L MAG Features MC

Mississippi College is among the nine four-year private institutions of higher learning spotlighted in the Spring-Summer issue of HELPING BUILD MISSISSIPPI, a quarterly public service magazine of Mississippi Power and Light Co.

Founded in 1826 and the state's oldest senior college, Mississippi College is featured on the cover of the magazine with a full color photograph of the historic Provine Chapel, home of the Division of Religion. Robert Wall, director of church relations, was the photographer.

In its salute to the four-year private colleges, the publication traces the early history of education in Mississippi, provides interesting information on each institution, and spotlights some of the graduates that have been turned out by the colleges.

HELPING BUILD MISSISSIPPI is edited by Herbert L. Carver, a Mississippi College alumnus, with Mrs. Katherine Baier Nelson serving as associate editor.

Eugene Chamberlain Announced As Manuscript Analyst

NASHVILLE (BP) — Eugene Chamberlain, a children's worker at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board for 14 years, has been named manuscript analyst in the board's church services and materials division.

Chamberlain, coordinating editor in the children's section of the Sunday School department since 1972, assumes his duties as manuscript analyst June 18. He succeeds Lynn M. Davis Jr. who has become coordinator planning coordinator working with the Southern Baptist Convention Inter-Agency Council.

According to Morton Rose, assistant to the director of the division, Chamberlain will be responsible for making analyses of church literature manuscripts. His duties will include work with doctrinal readers outside the board's employ, plus assisting editors with information and practices concerning writers for church literature manuscripts.

A native Texan, Chamberlain is a graduate of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, and holds the bachelor of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Joins Staff At First, Glendale

First Church, Glendale has called Rev. Donnie V. Parker as full-time minister of education and youth. He and his wife, Kathy, moved to the Glendale area from Silt, La., where he served in a similar position at Calvary since 1972. Born in Hattiesburg, he has a twin brother, Ronnie Parker, who is minister of music and youth at Foxworth Church. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. James E. Parker; his father is pastor of Calvary (Gulf Coast).

He received his BA degree from William Carey College and graduated with honors from New Orleans Seminary with a Master of Theology degree.

While a student at Carey, he was ordained by Main Street Church and served as pastor of First Church in Greene County. (He was named Mr. Carey College in 1969.)

Mrs. Parker will continue her education as a student at Carey. A reception was held recently to welcome them by the church family.

Sherman Calls Idaho Pastor

Rev. Bendon Ginn has accepted the pastorate of Sherman Church and has moved on the field.

Before coming back to the state he was pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Moscow, Idaho, for four years. While there he led the mission church to quadruple in Sunday School growth, double its budget, and lead in starting four other missions churches.

He served as moderator of the Lewis Clark Baptist Association in Idaho; as member of the administrative committee in charge of personnel with the Northwest Baptist Convention; as president of the Moscow Ministerial Association; and as chaplain to the Moscow Civil Air Patrol.

A graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary, he formerly was pastor in Mississippi at Sauls Valley (Lawrence) and Enon (Walshall). In 1967 he and his wife were Home Board summer missionaries to the Northwest.

Mr. Ginn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sedgie Ginn of Tylertown. His wife, the former Dorothy Sumrall, is daughter of Mrs. Estelle Sumrall of Greenville. The Ginn's have two daughters, ages 3 and one.

Rogers Suffers Heart Attacks; Return To State

Due to a recent series of heart attacks, Rev. H. S. Rogers, formerly pastor in Mississippi, plans to return to the state from Kentucky. He is now pastor of Middleton Church, Franklin, Kentucky. The doctors have advised him to wait for at least a few months before resuming any great activity.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have purchased a home in Ridgeland and will move into it about the 15th of July. (The address and phone number will be made known as soon as possible, he states.)

Mr. Rogers has had an unusual ministry in that he retired from the Air Force before accepting the call to preach. Nearly every church he has pastored has doubled or tripled in membership while he served them. He is the "father of the church bus ministry," having begun it with an old army "carry-all" in Simpson County. Since then his churches have all used the bus ministry and incorporated the idea of the Children's Church service. He has pastored Holy Grove, Wiggins, Freney, Gore Springs, Beacon Street in Philadelphia, First, Boyle, and First, Nesbit (near Memphis). In his latter years of service he has been blessed by being able to conduct a baptismal service prior to the Doxology at the opening portion of each morning service, and at many evening services.

Pastor Rogers, since developing a heart ailment, is launching into a new project. He is seeking all possible information on a position he has entitled the "Professional Interim Pastor." Noting that many churches have unfortunate experiences in overcoming the departure of their pastors he proposes to help prepare them for the calling of the new pastor. He believes an interim pastor owes the church more than an occasional visit and two sermons on Sunday. His new book will propose a plan for reviewing the existing organizational structure and correcting it where needed, a training program for the deacons, study of the bus ministry where needed and training of the bus ministry personnel. Everything possible will be done before the new pastor is found and called to develop a soul winning body of baptized believers. In addition, he will be available for supply work when not engaged in the field of interim pastorate.

He may be contacted at Middleton Road Baptist Church, Middleton Rd. Franklin, Ky until about July 1. After that, call Jackson, Miss. 363-3336 for source of location.



Bay Vista Begins Education Building

Bay Vista Church, Biloxi, recently held a groundbreaking and dedication ceremony for a new two-story education building. Included in the structure will be a recreational area. The building is expected to be complete by January, 1975. Pictured are the Building Committee: Quinton Jenkins, Jerry Sensing, Marvin Turnipseed, Walt Racey, chairman, Chaplain N. B. Saucier, who offered the dedication prayer, Bob Davidson, Lloyd Easterling, consultant; and Rev. Allen Stephens, pastor.



As Fredonia breaks ground, the pastor, Rev. Tommy Wilder, is shown with shovel in hand. Building Committee members to right of pastor are Talmadge Whitehead, Kereth Weeden, Edgar Hall, and Johnson Gisham.

Fredonia (Union) Adds Needed Space

Fredonia Church near New Albany broke ground recently for a new education building that will provide classroom space for 60 to 70 more in Sunday School, give the church a fellowship hall that will seat 125 at tables, and add a new kitchen. The new structure will be as large as the church's present auditorium.

Pastor Tommy Wilder states, "This building can be utilized at once due to a steady increase in church additions and attendance. The present building is already filled to capacity due to a rapid growth period during the past 18 months."

Sunday School attendance has increased, from the low 70's to over 100.

average. Church Training has shown a leaping increase from the 30's to the 80's. Wednesday night services now average approximately 70% of Sunday School attendance week to week.

Due to a recent Budget Adoption Program the church on June 2 adopted its first budget. "Materials from the state Stewardship Department made this project a blessing rather than a task," says the pastor.

He reports that the church entered a building fund campaign in February and says that as a result of steady sacrifice on the part of all members the fund has already reached approximately 70% of the total estimated.



Juniper Grove Open House

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Rhodes and their two children are pictured inside the newly redecorated parlor at Juniper Grove Church, Pearl River Association. The pastor's home was reworked and repainted before the Rhodes family moved in on May 1. Open house was held Sunday afternoon, May 26, with refreshments served by ladies of the church.



Carriage Hills Has 1,000th Addition

Rev. J. B. Miller, left, pastor of Carriage Hills, Southaven, is shown receiving Wendell Gray for baptism, for the 1,000th person who has joined the church since he became pastor 6 1/2 years ago. Over 300 of these have been for baptism.



The other Sunday night the Spring Hill Church at Martinsville in Copiah County held a surprise appreciation night for Dr. E. R. Pinson, professor emeritus of the Bible Department at Mississippi College. Dr. Pinson has served as pastor at Spring Hill for eight years. The program came as a complete surprise to Dr. Pinson, who received a rose from Senior Deacon Thomas Parker, top photo. Mrs. Herbert Batson (center) presented a scrap book of notes from church members covering Dr. Pinson's tenure. Mrs. R. G. Prime, (bottom) the church treasurer, presented a check. Miss Susan Jones presented a corsage to Mrs. Pinson (insert). Rev. Herbert Batson sang a solo "The Long I Serve Him" and dedicated it to Dr. and Mrs. Pinson. (Photos by Ray Izard.)

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Paul Writes Of God's Redeeming Grace

By Clifton J. Allen

Ephesians 1
Ephesians is thought by some people to be the greatest of Paul's letters. Its thought is profound; its relevance to the Christian life is challenging. The revelation of truth in Ephesians reaches back to God's purpose of grace before the beginning of time and stretches forward to the fulfillment of God's purpose for the proclamation of the gospel through the church to all mankind. One of the great words of this letter is the word "grace," the unmerited love and mercy of God bestowed upon sinners. It is the clue to God's saving work and the clue to the Christian's experience of salvation. The study of these three lessons from Ephesians will lead to a deeper understanding of this great word and to a personal involvement in a life worthy of the calling of grace and in the stewardship of the gospel of grace. If the light of God's grace does not fill with the highest spiritual aspiration, there is no motivation to capture us for doing the will of God.

The Lesson Explained

A LETTER TO US (vv. 1-2)

Paul begins his letter with the customary salutation and greeting. He identifies himself as the apostle of Christ. He had been captured by Christ and made an apostle by the will of God. Paul identified his readers as "saints." Saints were believers with a deep sense of belonging to God and under obligation to live in keeping with his purpose. The phrase "in Ephesus" does not appear in the oldest and best Greek manuscripts. Seemingly, in the providence of God, the copy going to the church in Ephesus was the one preserved and the one that became a part of the section of Paul's letters. It seems appropriate therefore to think especially of this letter in terms of its timeless and universal message, one of relevance for us; one having in unique measure a revelation from God to Christians in the present time. Paul included grace and peace in his invocation of blessing. Grace is the basis of our redemption, and peace is the wonderful outcome of our reconciliation to God in Christ.

GOD'S PURPOSE FROM ETERNITY (vv. 3-6)

Paul began with an outburst of praise. The apostle traced the beginnings of redemption back to divine initiative in eternity. God anticipated

man's ruin in sin and devised the means for man's redemption. The design of God for the redemption of the world was revealed in and accomplished through Jesus Christ. All that Christ did, however, was the expression of the grace of God and of the eternal purpose of God. Paul is simply emphasizing the truth of divine election. While Paul emphasizes here the truth of election and predestination, there is nothing to suggest arbitrary purpose or spirit on the part of God the Father. We were chosen, but we were free and responsible in the acceptance of grace and the exercise of faith. We have nothing of which to boast. We were chosen because of God's love, and we were chosen with the expectation that we should be holy and blameless in the sight of God.

REDEMPTION THROUGH CHRIST (vv. 7-16)

God chose us in love. Redemption or deliverance from sin came through the death of Christ on the cross. It is through his blood or the gift of his life that we receive the forgiveness of sins. As Paul thought of that, he could speak only of the riches of grace lavished on us "in all wisdom and prudence." We ourselves can never comprehend the wonder of God's wondrous redemption, but we recog-

nize it as an expression of God's wisdom, as the mystery of his will, and as the fulfillment of his purpose from eternity to bring all things into unity and fulfillment in Jesus Christ. The ultimate outcome of the eternal purpose of grace and of the saving work of Christ on earth will be the bringing together of everything broken and divided and fragmented, inclusive of things in heaven and things in earth, into the unity of the lordship of Christ.

PLEDGE OF FULL SALVATION (vv. 17-18)

God's salvation was meant to be inclusive of both Jew and Gentile, that together Jew and Gentile might live for the praise of the glory of Christ. All that God intended and accomplished through Christ is made effective in human experience by the activity of the Holy Spirit. He makes the word of truth an indictment of conscience, an encouragement to faith, and the power of decision. The Holy Spirit within us is the guarantee or pledge of "first installment" of the inheritance we are to receive in the world to come. Because we have the Holy Spirit, we have assurance of full salvation. The life we now enjoy is a foretaste of the fuller life yet to be through our inheritance as the children of light.

Revival Dates

First, Sardis: June 30 - July 7; Rev. Jerry Autrey of Pensacola, Florida, son of Dr. C. E. Autrey, who for many years was director of Evangelism for Southern Baptists, evangelist, Wayne Brown of Memphis, Tennessee, church music director, singer; service times 7:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. G. C. "Bill" Cox, pastor.

Eret (Wayne): July 7-12; service at night only; Rev. T. E. Williams, Evangelist; Rev. L. J. Fairchild, interim pastor.

Big Ridge, Biloxi: July 28 - 30, lay - Renewal weekend; services each night 7:30; Vondell Graham, Laurel, coordinator; Rev. Robert M. Carlisle, pastor.

McCondy Church (Chickasaw): July 7 - 12. Rev. Roy McHenry, First Church, Okolona, evangelist; Rev. Paul Jones, pastor, in charge of the music.

First, Macon: June 30 - July 2; Dr. R. G. Lee, the Prince of Preachers, evangelist; Dr. Edwin McNeely, the Master of Church Music, music director; services Sunday 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Hugh L. Poole, pastor.

Easthaven Church, Brookhaven: July 13-17; Buddy Mathis Crusade, services July 14 at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and July 15-17 at 7:30 p.m. (from Pascagoula, Buddy is one of America's youngest evangelists; he is presently enrolled as a student of Mississippi College.) Rev. Robert M. Hanvey, pastor.

Prospect (Perry): July 22 - 27; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Dennis Allen of Poplarville, evangelist; Rev. Dexter Truesdale, pastor; Johnny Courtney, music director; Gay Young, Marie Draughn, pianist and organist; (homecoming will be celebrated Sunday, July 21, with dinner on the grounds and guest speaker, Rev. Clayton Mason.)

New Fellowship (Jasper): July 14-19; Rev. Lewis Metts, Greer, S. C., evangelist; Rev. Claude Killian, pastor; Bob Boggan, minister of music; Jan Williams, pianist.

Pulaski Church: family life revival June 30 - July 3; Dr. Walter D. Draughon, Jr., dean, BBI, Graceville, Fla., evangelist; Walter D. Draughon, III, student at Samford Univ., B'ham, singer; Rev. Derral J. Foreman, pastor; Sunday services at 11 and 7:30; Mon. - Wed. at 7:30 p.m.; (also on Sunday - dinner on the grounds - at 12:15, dedication service at 1:30 p.m., and sacred music concert at 6:30 p.m.)

Roseland Park (Pearl River): June 30 - July 5; Rev. Jerry Mixon of Petal, evangelist; minister of Music of Roseland Park Church, J. E. Tagert, leading singing; Sunday dinner on the grounds with services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekly services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Dale Patterson, pastor.

Meadville: July 8-14; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Harold Bryson, pastor of First, Carthage, evangelist; Jimmy Bilbo, music director; Rev. Jerry Slonaker, pastor.

West Jackson, Jackson: July 7-12; Sunday services 11 and 7; weekday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Luther Slay, Faith Church, Wichita Falls, Tx, evangelist; Harold Smith, of West Jackson Church, Tupelo, singer; Rev. Dewitt Mitchell, pastor.

Heart Attack Claims Minister

Ernest F. Scott, 59, of Bude, died of an apparent heart attack. June 11, while mowing his lawn.

A neighbor found him lying on the lawn immediately after he was fatally stricken.

He was in government service 38 years with the U. S. Forest Service. At the time of his death he was Timber Sale Manager on the Bude District of the Homochitto National Forest. A Baptist minister, Mr. Scott was pastor of Springhill Baptist Church at Knoxville for a number of years. In recent months he had assisted his home church, Pleasant Valley, with evening services on Sundays.

He was born in Franklin county June 17, 1914, son of Mrs. T. J. Scott and the late Mr. Scott. He was married to the former Marjorie Dickerson, who survives.

Other survivors include four brothers, and four sisters.

Funeral services were June 13 from Pleasant Valley Church.

Seminary Gives Mullins Award To McClellan

LOUISVILLE (BP) — Albert McClellan, associate executive secretary and program planning director for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, was presented the E. Y. Mullins Denominational Service Award for 1974 during Spring commencement exercises at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

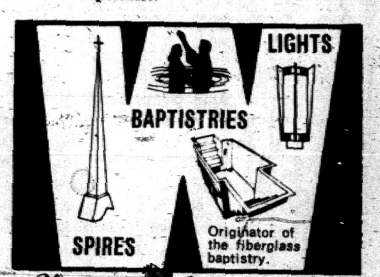
McClellan, 52, of Louisville, Ky., has been in the seminary since 1960, in the best tradition of a private, residential, co-ed secondary school, experienced in identifying needs and developing student potential for successful post-high school performance. Small classes, close, friendly student-faculty relations, scenic setting, environment conducive to study, nearby civic attractions. Write for catalog. Visit campus near Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

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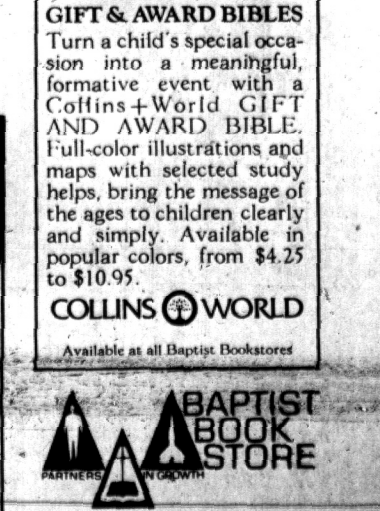
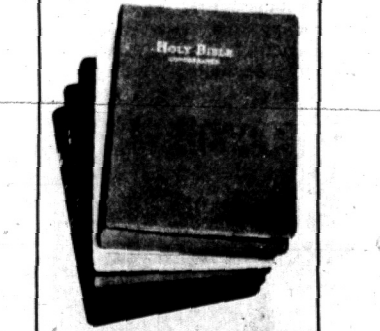
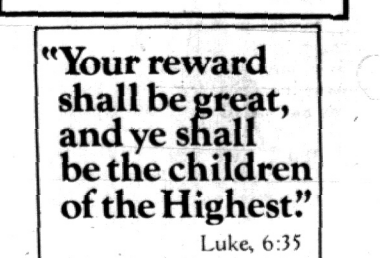
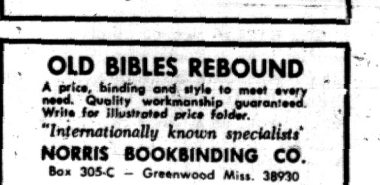


Scholarship Fund Established

Mrs. Lawrence Tyndale Lowrey of Baton Rouge, La., has established the Lorey B. Eastland Scholarship Fund at New Orleans Seminary in memory of her first husband, Mr. Eastland, an outstanding Christian businessman, was president of the seminary board of trustees for three years, 1947-1950. Here Dr. Ray P. Rust (left), acting president of the seminary, presents Mrs. Lowrey with a plaque in recognition of her deferred gift. Looking on is Dr. Russell M. McIntire, director of development.



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Monday School Lesson: International

On Cultivating Christian Virtues

James 5: 7 - 20

By Bill Duncan

Do you have trouble concluding a letter? Or do you write until you run out of something to say?

If we were writing a letter to a church — like a lesson — we would want to make every word count. The conclusion is most important because we want to close on a high note call for action.

As we have studied James, one thing can honestly be said for James — he certainly can write a letter to make you squirm. Just as you think he has hit you enough, he comes up with another. However, this has been God talking to us in love, encouraging us to have a belief that behaves.

For the conclusion of this letter, James calls the Christians to cultivate the virtues that will be necessary realities of life for an effective disciple.

PATIENCE

Too many people think life is like a wrestling match where we are trying to push the other person down while he tries to push us down. When neither wins, it becomes a Mexican stand-

If a Christian disciple is to be effective, his philosophy must be patience when people abuse his expecting the immediate return of the Lord. This is for self-restraint.

The people who first read this letter were living under adverse circumstances. They were frustrated, or they were to be patient would require disciplined Christian commitment.

James condemns grudges. We can collect hurt feelings and major on how people are treating us. Grudges are to be kept alive. Put them away. If we have our hurts and injustices to God, they will diminish in size. If we keep them they will remain ugly.

This attitude of patience should be shown amidst difficult problems, not just toward people. James gives three examples of steadfastness to remind Christians of their ultimate earthly expectations.

(1) The farmer learned to trust the dependability of God. As the farmer cannot change nature which produces the harvest, neither can the Christian hasten the Second Coming. He must learn to hold on because God is dependable.

(2) The prophets spoke in the name of the Lord and faced the rejection and ill-treatment of men. "These men considered faithfulness to the use of God more important than their own lives." They showed us how to bear up under trials.

(3) Job faced the most difficult test — to see a divine purpose behind suffering. In spite of overwhelming difficulties he never lost faith in God. Our Lord honors men's steadfastness.

The secret of patience is the discipline of expectancy. "Christians should order their lives by the belief of the sudden return of Christ."

TRUTHFULNESS

"But above all things, my brethren, swear not... lest ye fall into condemnation." In the first century there must have been a great deal of ceremony or ritual connected with confirmation of truth. Men invented ways of being evasive in swearing. Thus they made a mockery of the practice of pointing to truth. Jesus made some very important statements on the subject in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:33-37).



Dr. Earl Kelly, foreground, and Dr. Joe Odle, have their blood pressure checked.

Heart Association Screens Blood Pressure, Baptist Bldg. Employees

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

"Quiet, please!"

"Take off your shoes and step on the scales, please."

"May I measure your height?"

"Have you filled in your questionnaire?"

The scene was the Sky Room of the Baptist Building on June 6. Representatives of the Mississippi Heart Association's High Blood Pressure Screening Project were on the job, checking blood pressure.

During the morning, 104 persons (Baptist Building employees, First Baptist Church staff, and a few from other nearby business firms) had their blood pressure checked. Of these 104, there were 11 found to have elevated pressure. Of the eleven, one was under 45 and ten over 45; six were male and five female; eight were previously undetected, with only two already under medical management.

Six nurses and/or nursing assistants from the Baptist Hospital, plus six or eight other helpers were on the scene for the blood pressure screening project at the Baptist Building. Dr. James C. Hayes, cardiologist, came to talk with those who were found to have elevated pressure. Nurses, doctors and other personnel who assist with this project do so on a volunteer basis.

Of the 38,208 the Miss. Heart Association has screened since 1972, there have been 4,429 discovered with elevated pressure — 2,207 of those previously undetected.

Mrs. Pat H. Roundtree, program director for the Mississippi Heart Association and coordinator of the state

discipline of expectancy. "Christians should order their lives by the belief of the sudden return of Christ."

Is it right to swear? "Is it necessary?" is a better question. James said let your tongue tell the truth without external supportive statements.

A Christian's words should be such that he is trustworthy. Today truthfulness is one of the most needed virtues a person can have. There is too much "Watergate" in the church and us. We need to be committed to tell the truth.

CHURCHMANSHIP

The church needs people who will be committed to what the church stands for. Too many of us are not

good examples of churchmanship.

What does your church represent or signify in the community? James used prayer, singing and healing as traits of the church that should be in our lives.

(1) Victory over affliction comes not in swearing but through prayer. Instead of indulging in introspective self-pity, let us pray. Prayer should be one of the obvious differences in Christians and non-Christians.

(2) Singing was one characteristic of the early church that made it different from the pagan religion. James seems to suggest one can be happy in spite of what is going on around him. If one does not sing or "make a joyful noise," he may be spiritually dead.

(3) There is the centrality of prayer in the healing ministry of the church. There is no promise of instant cure but of love and concern. The church was to care about people in pain and to minister physical help in the name of the Lord. Much of the illness we have is because of sin. Therefore, confession is a part of healing. The results of sin may not be removed but the attitude can be.

RECONCILIATION

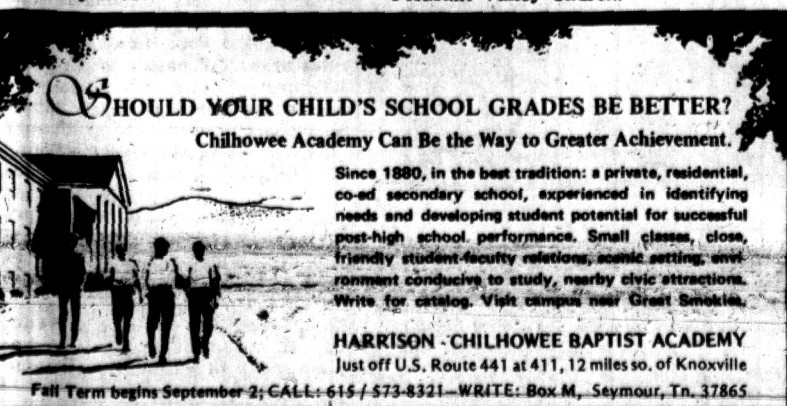
The church has always had a high drop-out rate. Baptists have called the Christians backsliders. James must have known something of the challenge when he said, "Brethren if any of you." This calls upon the church to reclaim those who have wandered from the truth.

Christians need the virtue of reconciliation to mediate God's grace to men. To wander from the truth is to live a life of misbehavior, for belief and behavior go together. This ministry requires a life of pointing out faults and pointing men back to God.

The virtue requires more love than a mother who would point out mistakes to an erring son. The easiest course is to give up and wash our hands of all responsibility.

James does not mention spiritual death, since no believer can die spiritually. "To save his brother's soul from death" means leading him to repentance so that he is restored to fellowship and preserved from going deeper into sin.

This is so practical. Why do we not try to do what God's word says?



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Names In The News

Rev. G. C. "Bill" Cox is the new pastor at First Church, Sardis; he moved there on June 1st.

Rev. Robert E. Spicer, Jr., of Pascagoula, has resigned as pastor of New Haven Church, Elba, Alabama, to accept the call of First Baptist Church, Vermillion, Ohio. He is a 1974 graduate of Baptist Bible Institute, Greenville, Fla. Mrs. Spicer was Minnie Nelle Harold of Pittsboro, Miss.

Ed Cansey II was ordained to the gospel ministry at Ebenezer Church, Liberty, on June 12. A graduate of Mississippi College, he served two years as asst. B. S. U. director. He is at present enrolled in Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. and pastor of Mt. Hermon Church, Bedford, Ky. His wife, Janice, is teaching in the elementary school system of Louisville.

Mississippi College has added three teachers to its summer faculty in the areas of Spanish, sociology and education. Dr. Charles E. Martin, vice-president for academic affairs, has announced. Teaching at the college during the summer are Miss Cynthia Powell in Spanish, Dr. Clayton Waddell in sociology, and Dr. Herbert Ray Holloway in education.

Mike Stovall was ordained to the gospel ministry by Belen Church, on May 12. The charge to the gospel ministry was given by Dr. Gordon Sansing of First Church, Marks. The ordination message was delivered by Rev. Paul W. Bryant, pastor of Belen Church. Mike has been called as minister of music and youth at Crenshaw Church. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stovall of Belen, he is a sophomore at Northwest Junior College.

James Newell was recently licensed to preach by Ingalls Avenue Church, Pascagoula. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Newell, Sr. of Pascagoula, he felt God's call to preach at the age of 13. He graduated with honors this year from the Pascagoula High School and will attend William Carey this fall. Dr. Allen O. Webb, his pastor, commends him for the pastorate or supply work and says he is a dedicated young man who will give his best in God's service.



Phillip Brady (left), owner of Radio Station WAPF in McComb, Miss., toured the Radio and Television Commission on a recent visit to Fort Worth with (from left) his son, Don Brady, and their friends, Julian White, McComb postmaster, and White's son, Eddie. Brady, whose station airs "The Baptist Hour" and "MasterControl," two of the radio programs produced by the Commission, toured the building "to see where it all originates." They are members of First Baptist Church in McComb. Radio-TV Commission Photo by Bonita Sparrow



Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg, recently licensed two men to the gospel ministry. Robert Pierson, left and Huey Dedmon were licensed and presented certificates in a Sunday night service. Both men pastor Children's Churches at Woodlawn.

C. Lamar Alexander, director of music activities at the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home in Monroe since last August, died June 10, a victim of cancer. A native of Leitchfield, Ky., he was a businessman until he entered the church music and education ministry in 1937. He once served on the staff of First Church, Pascagoula, Miss. A graduate of New Orleans Seminary, Alexander was music director for the 1948 sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V. Calcutt, missionaries to Japan on furlough, may be addressed at Rt. 1, Box 116, Wesson, Miss. 39191. He is a native of Lincoln County.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby T. Head, missionaries to Argentina, have arrived in the States for a medical furlough and may be addressed at 1206 Augusta Rd., Ellisville, Miss. 39437.

Jim Hess has accepted a call as minister of music and youth at the Highland Church, Meridian. He and his wife, Sheila, will move there around the first of July. Rev. Jackie Hamilton is pastor.

Rev. Derrell L. Billingsley has resigned as minister of music and youth at First Church, Kosciusko, to assume a similar position on the staff of First Church, Columbia, Tennessee. He has served in Kosciusko for three and one-half years, with Rev. Harold Kitchings, pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Slack, missionaries to the Philippines, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 425 Carolina, Dr. B. Bogalusa, La. 70427). Mrs. Slack, the former Mary Prestidge, was born in Poplarville, Miss.

Rev. James Pugh, Jr. has accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Stanfield, Arizona, and moved there in May. Mr. Pugh organized the Lake Harbor Church near Brandon in 1970, with 22 charter members. The church saw continuous growth, with a 100% increase the first year, a ministry to the Madison County Jail, and to the Willard F. Bond Home at Madison. Son of a Baptist minister, Rev. James Pugh, Sr., of Montrose, Mr. Pugh has served several churches in the state. He is married to the former Martha Fortune of Jackson. They and their three children, Denise, Rebecca, and Jim, may now be addressed at Box 622, Stanfield, Ariz. 85272.

Rev. Leroy Callahan, pastor of Mars Hill Church in Leake County, left June 3 for New Orleans Seminary. He will commute on weekends to continue his pastoral duties at Mars Hill. Mrs. Callahan will enter New Orleans University in the fall to complete her degree in library science.

Ray Hodges was recently licensed to preach by the Crooked Creek Church, Lawrence County. He is now available for supply and may be contacted at P. O. Box 148, New Hebron, MS. He plans to enter New Orleans Seminary in the fall.



At a June 9 reception commemorating his four-year anniversary with the Trinity Church, Laurel, pastor Kenneth Leach and his family, above, received a beautiful, inscribed silver tray, with a matching cream and sugar set, along with other gifts from the congregation.

Juanita Campbell, graduate of Jones County Junior College, received a set of luggage from her church — Trinity, Laurel — as she left to serve as summer missionary in Montana. Juanita will conduct Bible schools and surveys in the Kalispell area of northern Montana.

Rev. Buford Sellers, pastor of Oakland Church, recently was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree from Universal Bible Institute. He holds the B. A. degree from Mississippi College and Master of Education degree from the University of Mississippi. After studying at Clarke, he went to Nanjemoy, Maryland as pastor in 1957, but returned to the state in 1963.

J. E. Sims has accepted the call as minister of music of First Church, Verona. He goes from First Church, Ormond Beach, Florida. Sims holds degrees in church music and music education from William Carey College. He and his wife, Cherry, have one son, Jay. They reside at 125 West Main Street, Verona.



PRESENT PORTRAIT — Dr. Joe Hamilton (left), professor of physics at Vanderbilt University, was on hand at Mississippi College recently to present a portrait of Henry Carlock, longtime professor of physics at the college who is now retired, to the institution. Present for the occasion were, from the left, Dr. Hamilton; Mrs. D. M. Nelson, former first-lady of the college whose husband served as professor of physics and president of the college; Mrs. Henry Carlock; Professor-emeritus Henry Carlock; and Dr. Archie Germany, chairman of the Division of Science and Mathematics. (M.C. Photo by Norman H. Gough)

Off The Record

If you're on a budget, high meat prices add up to a lot of baloney!

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jimmy interrupted. "My mother looked back once when she was driving," he said, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

I went to the doctor about my leg-hurting. He said it was nothing but old age. I told him that couldn't be true because the other leg was just as old and it didn't hurt at all.

Maid: I'm very sorry. Mrs. Black said to tell you she is not at home. Caller at door: That's all right. Just tell her I'm glad I didn't come.

Fortune teller: You'll be poor and unhappy until you're 40.

Client—hopefully: And then what?

Fortune teller: By then, you'll be used to it.

Sin is the most unmanly thing in God's world. You never were made for sin and selfishness. You were made for love and obedience.

—John G. Holland.



175 Attend MC Preschool Workshop

The sixth annual Mississippi College Preschool Workshop was held June 10-14, directed by Dr. Frances J. McGuffee, with 175 participants. Consultants included Mrs. Alice Kousser, Nashville; Dr. James Brewer, MC; Miss Thelma Williamson, Jackson; Mrs. Nan Grantham, Jackson; Mrs. Ada Sumrall, MC; Mrs. Evelyn Callif, Columbus; Mrs. Gale Keith, MC; Dr. Reba Southwell, Columbus; Mrs. Beth Canizaro, Jackson; Dr. Bertha Walley, New Orleans; and Dr. Peggy Emerson, Oxford.



Two Music Camps At Blue Mountain

June 17-21 two music camps were held at Blue Mountain College, co-sponsored by the music department of the college and the Church Music Department, MBCB. In the top photo are the 56 participants in the Junior High Camp, and in the bottom photo are the 50 who took part in the Young Musicians' Camp. Clinician for the Junior High group was Dr. Stanley R. Richison, chairman of the BMC Music Department. For the young musicians, Ronald Wells of First Church, Spartanburg, S. C. was clinician.

Seminary Slates Music Drama Class

"Producing the Music Drama," a new class, will headline the New Orleans Seminary's Summer Intern-term offerings in July. Also on the two-week agenda July 16-26 will be "Research Techniques and Project Writing," a course for doctoral students. The classes will meet daily for four hours.

Aim of the music drama class is to acquaint the minister of music with the basic techniques involved in staging a religious drama. Such practical topics as drama direction, choreography, staging, and choral techniques will be examined.

Coordinating the course will be seminary professors Dr. Eugene Braisher and Dr. Wilbur Swartz, and guest artists Raoul Appel, Harry Cowan, and Francis Fusilier.

Mississippi Newsbriefs

Just For The Record

Homecoming At Prospect (Perry)

Homecoming will be held at Prospect Church, Perry County, on Sunday, July 21. Rev. Clayton Mason, former pastor, now pastor of Oakvale Church, Lawrence County, will bring the homecoming message at 11 a.m. All former pastors, members and friends are invited. Dinner will be served at the church. A revival will begin on July 22 at 7:30 p.m. (see "Revival Dates.") Rev. Dexter Truesdale is pastor.

Crooked Creek Pastor Enrolls At BBI

Rev. J. W. Baker, pastor of Crooked Creek Church, Lawrence County, has resigned in order to enroll at Baptist Bible Institute, Greenville, Florida. The church voted to give him \$500 to help him "Get settled" at the school.

During his pastorate at the church, the community gave him "out of love" \$2000 on a new automobile. On his leaving they gave him a pound- ing and additional love offering.

Old-Fashioned Clothes To Be Worn For Homecoming Day, Pecan Grove

The annual homecoming celebration day will be held July 7 at Pecan Grove Church of Ellisville. A former pastor, Rev. Billy Ingram, will preach at the 11 a.m. service, and the Lawman Quartet of Laurel will sing during the afternoon service. There will be dinner on the grounds. Those present for the day's activities are to wear old-fashioned clothing—overalls and long dresses.

Rev. Harvey Easterling, pastor, says that all former members, non-resident members, former pastors and friends of the church are invited.

Unity Calls Radford Redwine

Rev. Radford H. Redwine began his pastoral duties June 2 at Unity Church in Montgomery Association at Duck Hill. He moved to Unity from Lollars Grove Church, Europa, in Zion Association. While he was at Lollars Grove, the church was completely remodeled.

Mr. Redwine, a native of Belle

fontaine, is married to the former Judy Easley from Bruce. They have one child, Sylvia Lynn, six.

Foxworth Pastor Moves To Florida

Rev. Lonnie Earnest has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Sebring, Florida. For three years he has been pastor of New Hope Church, Foxworth.

During his ministry at Foxworth there have been 125 additions, eighty by baptism. Of the record contributions these past three years, the largest sum in the church's history has been given to missions, registering a record offering to the Lottie Moon Foreign Mission and Annie Armstrong Home Mission offerings. Also a record attendance in Bible Study and Church Training was set during this time.

In May of 1973 the note on the present facility was burned and additional property was acquired. An Allen computer organ was installed in December of 1972. Plans have been made for the renovation of the pastor's and music education director's homes.

Mr. Earnest has served four churches in Mississippi. A native of Avon Park, Florida, he is returning to his native state. He received the B. A. degree from William Carey College, and master of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary.

The Sebring church will welcome the new pastor on June 23. Mrs. Earnest is the former Sheila Ann Berry of Fort Pierce, Florida. The Earnests have one child, Lori Renee, 3.

New Pastorium Open—Bethlehem Homecoming

Homecoming and old-fashioned day will be June 30, at Bethlehem Church, west of Pinola. Regular morning services, dinner on the grounds, old-time singing in the afternoon are scheduled.

The new pastorium will be open (Construction nearing completion). All offerings will go into building fund.

All friends and former members

are invited, says Rev. Marvin Cox, pastor.

Youth From 11 Choctaw Churches Meet For Bible Study

The Choctaw Baptist Associational Church Training Union is sponsoring an associational youth organization which meets monthly with Barry Wovell of Ackerman Church as president.

This organization held an association wide Youth Bible Study meeting in different churches every night during the week of June 3-7. Eleven churches of the association were represented, with an average attendance of 87, in spite of severe thunderstorms and tornado watches the last three nights. The lowest attendance was 85.

Rev. Eddie Brady, pastor of Morgan Chapel (Oktoberfest), brought the closing message on Friday night. This organization meets monthly in the various churches of the association, according to Rev. B. B. McGee, associational Church Training director.



Jericho Pastor Off To Holy Land

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Lee Hamilton of the Jericho Church in Union County left June 18, for an eighteen-day tour of the Holy Land, Rome, Switzerland, England, and Spain. Members of the Jericho Church where Mr. Hamilton is pastor presented the tour to them.

He has previously served as pastor in Beaverton, Alabama; Amory, and Hillsboro, Mississippi before going to Jericho in 1971. He is a native of Monroe County, and his wife, Dean, is a native of Sulligent, Alabama. They have one child, Tammy, seven.